

2017 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



BELCHERTOWN K-9 OFFICER APACHE

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

2017

Annual Town Report
of the Town Officers



for the
Town of Belchertown

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ON THE COVER:

Belchertown K-9 Officer Apache was called into action when a tree crew from Connecticut was working in the area and a crew member had lost his wallet in the field. After about 15 minutes, Apache had found the missing wallet.

"One of the most rewarding things you can do as a canine handler, or police officer for that matter, is to help someone that is having a bad day." Police Officer Adam Brougham, Apache's Canine Handler

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2017 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Paul Anziano	5/2018
Ellen Lachance	5/2018

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Kenneth H. Snow	5/2018
Mary Olberding	5/2019
Nicole J. Dunham	5/2020

Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments

William R. Barnett	5/2019
Kyle Vincent	5/2019

Board of Assessors

Donald L. Minney	5/2018
Raymond G. Goff	5/2019
Thomas A. Barry	5/2020

Board of Health

Roger M. Bonsall	5/2018
Andrew Drawec	5/2019
Gary R. Racicot	5/2019
Dana Burton	5/2020
Hope V.H. Guardenier	5/2020

Housing Authority

Marie Ciosek	5/2019
Nancy Delgado Bachmann	5/2020
Judith O'Kulsky	5/2021
Vacant (State Mbr)	

Moderator

Joseph D. Bernard	5/2020
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Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Lorraine F. Alves	11/2018
Francesco Dell'Olio	11/2020

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Planning Board

Donna M. Lusignan <i>(resigned 9-1-17)</i>	5/2018
Mark Spiro <i>(appt 10/10/2017)</i>	5/2018
James J. Natle	5/2019
Michael A. Hofler	5/2020
Daniel R. Beaudette	5/2021
Sierra Pelletier	5/2022

School Committee

Thomas C. Laughner	5/2018
Randi B. Shenkman	5/2018
Myndi B. Bogdanovich	5/2019
Heidi G. Gutekenst	5/2020
Michael J. Knapp	5/2020

Board of Selectmen

Ronald E. Aponte	5/2018
Nicholas J. O'Connor	5/2018
George D. Archible	5/2019
William R. Barnett	5/2019
Brenda Q. Aldrich	5/2020

Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte	5/2018
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2017 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Steven J. Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report
Robert Lachance	Final Report
Eric LeBeau <i>(appt. 11/13/17)</i>	Final Report

Agricultural Commission

Susan Gay <i>(resigned 1/8/18)</i>	6/30/19
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/19
Wil Shattuck	6/30/20

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Animal Control Advisory Board

Angela Gaj		6/30/18
Chrystal Greenleaf		6/30/18
Jim Luippold		6/30/19
Nicole A. Miner		6/30/19
Brian Breveleri		6/30/20
Carol Kasabian		6/30/20
Audrey Safford		6/30/20

Animal Control Officer

Anna Kuralt-Fenton		4/30/18
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Assistant Animal Control Officer

Lawrence Belbin		4/30/18
Wendella LeSage (appt. 5/23/17)		4/30/18
Janet Lipscomb		4/30/18

Belchertown Opioid Awareness Task Force

(BOAT)

Established 2/13/2017

George "Archie" Archible, <i>Selectman</i>		6/30/18
Captain Craig Bodamer, <i>Fire-Rescue</i> <i>Department</i>		6/30/18
Kimberly Dion, <i>Medical Community</i>		6/30/18
Phyllis Ducomb, <i>School Nurse</i> <i>Leader</i>		6/30/18
Jason Krol, <i>School Resource Officer</i>		6/30/18
Judy Metcalf, <i>Board of Health</i>		6/30/18
Jill Panto		6/30/18
Kevin Pacunas, <i>Police Department</i>		6/30/18

Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan		6/30/18
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Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock		6/30/18
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**Belchertown's Community
Emergency Response Coordinator**

Edward F. Bock

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**Western Mass. Regional Local-Emergency
Planning Committee Inc.(WMR-LEPC)**

Edward F. Bock

Community Preservation Committee

Betsy Loughran, <i>At-Large Member</i> <i>(Resigned 6/12/17)</i>		6/30/18
Leslie Squires, <i>Historical Comm.</i>		6/30/18
Nancy Delgado Bachmann, <i>Housing Authority Rep.</i>		6/30/18
Linda Leduc, <i>Conservation Comm.</i> <i>(resigned from Conservation</i> <i>9/8/17) (appt'd At-Large Mbr 9/11/17)</i>		6/30/18
Megan Manitsas, <i>At-Large Member</i>		6/30/19
Peg Louraine, <i>At-Large Member</i>		6/30/19
James W. Quirk, <i>Parks &</i> <i>Recreation Rep.</i>		6/30/19
Judy Healy, <i>At-Large Member</i>		6/30/20
James Natle, <i>Planning Board</i>		6/30/20

Conservation Commission

Joseph K. Babineau <i>(resigned 2/13/17)</i>		6/30/17
Nicholas A. Burns <i>(resigned 11/21/17)</i>		6/30/20
Linda Leduc, Assoc. Mbr. <i>(resigned</i> <i>9/8/17)</i>		6/30/18
Michael Cavatorta		6/30/18
Jon M. Clements		6/30/18
David M. Haines		6/30/18
John Henry		6/30/19
Edward T. Knight		6/30/19
Eric Wojtowicz <i>(appt. 5/8/17)</i>		6/30/20

Council on Aging

Donna M. Bozoglos		6/30/18
Diane Plante		6/30/18
James Dowling		6/30/19
Robert Farrington		6/30/20
Maura Guzik		6/30/20

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Belchertown Cultural Council

Heather Benedetti (appt. 3/13/17)	6/30/18
Matt Grillo	6/30/18
Cathy Hews	6/30/18
Carey Southwick-Fink	6/30/19
Claudia Bermudez	6/30/19
Rachel Martins	6/30/20
Jennifer Meighan	6/30/20
Susan Shea (appt.. 9/25/17)	6/30/20
Jennifer Turner	6/30/20

DIF Committee

Gary Brougham - Town Administrator
 Lisa Banner - Collector-Treasurer
 Douglas Albertson - Planner
 John Whelihan - Assessor

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)

Robert Rivard, Industrial Seat	6/30/18
Kirk Stephens, At Large Seat	6/30/18
Beth Maroney, Financial Seat	6/30/19
Jonathan Spiegel, At Large Seat	6/30/19
William A. Terry, Government Seat	6/30/19
Richard Kump, Real Estate Seat	6/30/20

Fair Committee

William Austin	6/30/18
Sandra L. Brougham	6/30/18
Bonnie Brouwer	6/30/18
Cindy Brown	6/30/18
Kevin Brown	6/30/18
Scott Brown	6/30/18
Carla Chaisson	6/30/18
Wendy Chevalier	6/30/18
Shawn Lindholm	6/30/18
Mark Nute	6/30/18
Cathy A. Terry	6/30/18

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Family Center

Kristin Balboni	6/30/17
Elizabeth Crosby	6/30/18
Katrina Staples	6/30/18
Roger Allen, Jr.	6/30/19
Nicole Dunham	6/30/19
Debra Lebeau (appt 9/1/2017)	8/31/20

Finance Committee

Laurie Shea	6/30/18
Lynne Raymer	6/30/19
Steven Rose	6/30/19
Edward G. Boscher	6/30/20
Melissa Hurst	6/30/20

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire County

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire Council of Government's

Electric Cooperative Committee

Gary Brougham

Board of Health – Appointments

Burial Agent & Assistant

Colleen Toothill-Berte	6/30/18
Theresa Rothwell, Assistant	6/30/18

Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf, Director of Public Health	6/30/18
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Physician Advisor to Board of Health

David Maguire, MD	6/30/18
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Inspector of Animals

Thomas Flebotte		4/30/18
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Historical Commission

Richard Keating (<i>resigned 2/13/17</i>)		6/30/19
Erika A. Hamilton		6/30/17
Jill Bierly		6/30/18
Judith Fuller Gillan		6/30/18
Patrick Bierly		6/30/19
Alexander Loss		6/30/20
Leslie Squires		6/30/20
Bruce Klockars (<i>appt 6/16/17</i>)		6/30/20

Historic District By-law Commission

Peter Roberts, Real Estate (<i>resigned 4/30/17</i>)		6/30/17
Anna Szmyd Marques, Assoc. Mbr. (<i>appt. Architect Seat 4/24/17</i>)		6/30/18
Denise Smith, Historic Assoc. Seat		6/30/18
Jonathan Spiegel, Architect Seat (<i>appt. At-Large Member 4/24/17</i>)		6/30/18
Thomas Stockton, Resident/Property Owner Mbr		6/30/19
Irene Mariettos, At-Large (<i>appt. Real Estate seat 4/24/17</i>)		6/30/20

Housing Needs and Assessment Committee

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima		6/30/20
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Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry		6/30/18
Chris Rice		6/30/18

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.		6/30/18
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Assistant Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Christopher A. Hubbard		6/30/18
Charles Lydon, Jr.		6/30/18

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Inspector of Wiring

Mitchell Staszko		6/30/18
Douglas Rae		6/30/18
Richard Rosazza		6/30/18
David Sedelow		6/30/18

Lakes Committee

Kathi Smith		6/30/18
Cathy Leblond, Recreation Rep.		6/30/19
Bonnie Strickland		6/30/19
LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Rep		6/30/20
Jenicca Gallagher, Full Member		6/30/20

Memorial Committee

William Bowen		6/30/18
Edward T. Knight		6/30/18
George "Archie" Archible		6/30/19
Leslie Squires		6/30/19
Raymond Janke		6/30/20

Mobile Home Rent Control Board

Thomas Vieu		6/30/18
Donald Minney		6/30/20

Opioid Awareness Group

8 -10 week Work Study Group

Established 6/13/2016 - dissolved 2/13/17

Jill Panto		TBD
George "Archie" Archible, Selectman		TBD
Kevin Pacunas, Police Department		TBD
Officer Jason Krol, School Resource Officer		TBD
Capt. Craig Bodamer, Fire/Rescue		TBD
Judy Metcalf, Board of Health		TBD
Kimberly Dion, Medical Mbr.		TBD
Pastor Liza Knapp, Faith Community Mbr		TBD

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Director of Parks & Recreation

Search Committee

(formed 4/11/2016)

Dawn French, School Comm.	Final Report
Steven Williams, Dir. of DPW	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Admin	Final Report
William Vosburgh, Recreation Committee	Final Report
Christopher Shea, Citizen At Large	Final Report
Donna Spraggon, Citizen At Large	Final Report
Paul Anziano, Citizen at Large	Final Report

Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee

Nancy Kwiatkowski	6/30/18
William Vosburgh	6/30/18
Chris Daley	6/30/19
James Wilbur Quirk	6/30/19
Tilo Schiffer	6/30/20

Parks & Recreation Director

Kyle Thibeault

Patrick Center Re-Use Committee

(appt 1-11-2016)

Gary Brougham	Final Report
Steven Williams (DPW)	Final Report
Ed Boscher (Finance Cmte)	Final Report
Nick O'Connor (Selectman)	Final Report
Chris Daley (Recreation Cmte)	Final Report
Kristen Balboni (Family Center Cmte), At Large Mbr.	Final Report
Michael Knapp (School Cmte)	Final Report

Personnel Board

Chris Abbuhl	6/30/17
Nancy Delgado Bachmann	6/30/18
Katharine Higgins-Shea	6/30/18
Noah Pefaur	6/30/19
Michael Otto	6/30/20

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Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board – Alternate Voting

Member for Special Permits

Sierra Pelletier <i>(elected Planning Board member 5/15/17)</i>	6/30/18
Eric Wojtowicz <i>(appt'd 6/27/17)</i>	6/30/18

Planning Board – Associate Member

Jennifer R. Sharrow	6/30/17
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Police Candidate Review Committee

Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
Diane Smith	Final Report
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report
Thomas Soutier	Final Report

Police Chief Candidate Search Committee

Chris Mattocks	Final Report
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report
Sean Gallagher	Final Report
Thomas Soutier	Final Report
Rev. Emmanuel Haqq	Final Report
Jerry Grasso	Final Report
Steven Williams	Final Report
Thomas Ruscio	Final Report
Andrew DiNapoli	Final Report

Police Chief

Christopher Pronovost

Police Department Lieutenant

Kevin Pacunas <i>(appt 9/25/2017)</i>	6/30/18
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Police Department – Sergeants (Full-time)

Kevin Pacunas <i>(promoted to Lieutenant 9/25/17)</i>	6/30/18
Steven Henn	6/30/18
Bruce Jenks	6/30/18
William A. Panto	6/30/18
Michael Beaupre <i>(appt 9/25/2017)</i>	6/30/18

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Police Department – Patrol Officers

(Full-time)

Valerie Austin	6/30/18
Michael Beaupre	6/30/18
Jordyn Bradway	6/30/18
Adam Brougham	6/30/18
Dennis Fitzgerald	6/30/18
Jason Krol	6/30/18
Neil Lozier	6/30/18
Robert Mann	6/30/18
Christopher Mayo	6/30/18
Edward H. Oey	6/30/18
John Raymer	6/30/18
Michael Roney	6/30/18
Jeremy Burns	6/30/18
Andrew Lentendre (<i>appt 6/26/17</i>)	6/30/18

Police Department - Patrol Officers

(Part-time)

Courtney Call (<i>resigned 2/13/17</i>)	6/30/17
Andrew Lentendre (<i>appt full time 6/19/17</i>)	6/30/18
Peter J. Gaj	6/30/18
Edward Smith	6/30/18
David Conkey	6/30/18
Jeremiah McBride	6/30/18
Robert Ivey	6/30/18
Michael Jablonski	6/30/18
Marissa Smith (<i>appt 10/10/17</i>)	6/30/18

Auxiliary Police Officers

Joseph Bergdoll (<i>Resigned 6/9/17</i>)	6/30/17
Francis Henderson III (<i>resigned 1/9/17</i>)	6/30/17
Joseph M. Boyle, Sergeant	6/30/18
Stephanie Cusson	6/30/18
Vincent Daponte	6/30/18
Matthew Niles	6/30/17
Blake Chestna	6/30/17
Hannah Hulse	6/30/18
Matthew Menard	6/30/18
Zachary Parker	6/30/18
Marissa Smith	6/30/18
Jaime Williams (<i>appt. 8/14/17</i>)	6/30/18

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Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham	
Jill Panto, Assistant	

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams	
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PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Steven J. Williams, Representative	6/30/18
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/18
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/18

PVPC Representatives

(Pioneer Valley Planning Commission)

Sierra Pelletier (<i>eff. 5/23/2017</i>)	6/30/18
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/18

PVTA Advisory Board

Brian O'Leary	6/30/18
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Quaboag Valley Business

Assistance Corporation

Krista B. Wilson	6/30/18
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Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce

Regional Economic Development

Michael Reardon	Final Report
David Roberts	Final Report

Quaboag Valley Chamber of

Commerce Tourism Committee

Richard Steiner	
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Regional Economic Development

Commission Regarding the Ware River

Valley Regional Economic Target Area

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	
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Board of Registrars

Linda E. Barron (<i>resigned 8/21/17</i>)	3/31/18
Nancy Wright (<i>appt. 9/26/17</i>)	3/31/18
Colleen Toothill-Berte	5/21/18
MaryCatherine Knight	3/31/19
Mary-Ellen O'Reilly-Bracey (<i>appt. 4/1/17</i>)	3/31/20

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Belchertown High School

Robert J. Hansbury	3/31/18
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Precinct Coordinator

Clair Partridge	8/31/18
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Election Officers – Precinct A

Judy A. Scott (Clerk) (<i>resigned 8/10/2017</i>)	8/31/17
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Robert J. Hansbury (Warden)	8/31/18
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Bernette Daly (Clerk) (<i>appt 9/1/2017</i>)	8/31/18
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Election Officers – Precinct B

Christina M. Aponte (Warden)	8/31/18
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Gail Miron (Clerk)	8/31/18
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Election Officers – Precinct C

Carol B. Walker (Warden)	8/31/18
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Christian Babineau (Clerk)	8/31/18
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Election Officers – Precinct D

Paul D. Geoffroy (Warden)	8/31/18
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Jacqueline L. Como (Clerk) (<i>resigned 12/12/2017</i>)	8/31/18
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Belchertown Scholarship Fund Committee

Theresa Przybylowicz, At Large Mbr. (<i>resigned 6/26/17</i>)	6/30/18
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Francesco Dell'Olio, Pathfinder School Cmte Mbr (<i>resigned 8/14/17</i>)	6/30/18
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Karol Coffin, Superintendent	6/30/18
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Michael Knapp, School Cmte Mbr	6/30/18
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Donna Lusignan, At Large Mbr	6/30/18
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Donna Robbins, HS Council Rep.	6/30/18
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Lisa Aiken, Home Schooling Rep.	6/30/18
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Lorraine Alves, Pathfinder School Cmte Mbr (<i>appt. 8/14/17</i>)	6/30/18
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Erica Rose (<i>appt. 9/25/17</i>)	6/30/18
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Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/18
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Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham	
Lisa Banner, Alternate	

Skate Park Committee

Thomas Hussey	6/30/17
Sarah Edwards (<i>appt. 1/8/18</i>)	6/30/18
Beth Adams	6/30/19
Dunstan McNutt	6/30/19
Drew Gatesman (<i>appt. 1/8/18</i>)	6/30/20
Michelle Ricker	6/30/20

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

George (Archie) Archible	
Suzanne Bay	

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams	6/30/18
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Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson, Town Planner	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator	Final Report
LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Commission	Final Report
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments	Final Report
Steven Williams, DPW Director	Final Report

Technology Advisory Committee

Frank Lomanno	6/30/18
Lew Louraine	6/30/18
Yosef Nimni	6/30/18
Michael Zoufaly	6/30/18
Cynthia Caporale	6/30/18

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Trail Stewardship Council

LeeAnne Connolly, Town Rep.	6/30/18
Jane Bryden, Landowner Rep.	6/30/18
Douglas Albertson, Alt. Town Rep.	6/30/18

Treasurer-Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/19
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Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane E. Wolfe	6/30/18
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Deputy Collectors

Arthur P. Jones	12/31/17
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Town Accountant

Jill M. Panto	6/30/19
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Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady	6/30/18
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Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham	
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Assistant Town Clerk

Theresa A. Rothwell	6/30/18
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Town Counsel

KP LAW	6/30/18
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Trench Permitting Authority

Paul Adzima	
Steve Williams, Alternate	
Trench Permitting Authority	

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione	3/31/22
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Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Kathleen Wood	3/31/22
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Veterans' Service Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III		04/30/18
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Veterans' Services Advisory Board

Edward Dice, Associate Member	6/30/17
Keith Poulin, Associate Member	6/30/18
Gerry Desilets, Associate Member	6/30/17
Larry Raines, At-Large Member	6/30/18
George "Archie" Archible, At-Large Member	6/30/19
William Bowen, At-Large Member	6/30/19
Anthony McAvoy, At-Large Member	6/30/19
Robert Vigneault, At-Large Member	6/30/19
Janet Jourdain	6/30/20
William McClure	6/30/20
Raymond Janke - Period of Employment	
Vincent Viglione - Period of Employment	

Veterans Burial Agent

Raymond J. Janke, III	
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Willard Stebbins Trust Fund

Peg Louraine (Appt. 7/25/17)	
Thomas Stockton (Appt. 7/25/17)	

Zoning Board of Appeals

Robert Hislop (resigned 6/30/17)	6/30/17
Mark Hebert	6/30/18
Brian Gibbons	6/30/19
Jennifer Sharrow	6/30/20

Associate Members - Board of Appeals

Robert Vigneault (resigned 10/6/2017)	6/30/18
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Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima	6/30/18
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Board of Selectmen

Belchertown has had an exciting 2017. We have seen projects begin that were funded by state and local revenue as well as fundraising efforts by many citizen volunteers.



In 2017, the \$15.2 million Christopher Heights Assisted Living facility broke ground. In October, Lt. Governor Karen Polito visited Belchertown to present the Town with a check for \$3 million dollars to continue work on the redevelopment of infrastructure on this distressed property. It is wonderful to drive by and see life back on the former Belchertown State School property.

Belchertown opened its Animal Control Facility that is now the standard that other communities are looking at. This wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for the hardworking volunteers of BARC. THANK YOU!

A Pet Valu pet store began renovating a storefront on North Main Street and will be opening in 2018, and the Belchertown Family Center moved from the former Franklin School building to State Street across from the Police Department and Senior Center. Now with the Family Center closer to the Town's center, more families have access to the programs they offer. The Family Center is also a model for other centers in the area. We further understand WIC plans on having office hours there. Pride Gas Station and Convenience Store will begin construction soon at the intersection of Turkey Hill Road and State Street, B Town Motors on State Street recently expanded its facility, and Jitterbugs Early Childhood constructed its new facility on Stadler Street. Also in 2017, Belchertown grew by 65 new homes which is up modestly from the previous year.

I also couldn't be prouder of the \$248,000 Violence Against Women grant the Belchertown Police Department received. This grant is for training and helping our department with domestic violence and abuse in our community. This comes at a time when we need to make lives safer for those who need our help.

Finally ... THANK YOU to the Belchertown Fair and Parade Committee. Your hard work and many hours of planning throughout the year are much appreciated. Our annual fair draws people from all over for this enjoyable event. Time and time again, we all hear "what a wonderful town Belchertown is" from people attending the Fair. And, YES! Belchertown is a wonderful town because of our many volunteers, like the Fair and Parade Committee members, who work so hard to make Belchertown the community it is.

Thank you,

Brenda Q. Aldrich, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

As another year draws to a close, it is without doubt a year of tremendous accomplishment. In my last report, I referenced ongoing projects such as the May Farm 5.4 megawatt solar field, the ongoing work on the Route 181 Footprint Road Project, our continued efforts toward remediation at the former Belchertown State School site, our anticipation of the Christopher Heights assisted living facility groundbreaking and continued growth in our commercial economic tax base to name a few. Today, just one year later, we have indeed accomplished many of those initiatives and are undertaking a new agenda.

As I write, the Route 181 Foot Print Road Project was completed in early summer with overwhelming success. At a cost of nearly \$10 million dollars, the 6.8 mile commute from Belchertown to Bondsville is far more enjoyable than one would have experienced just three years ago.

In mid-summer the switch was turned on enabling 5.6 megawatts of solar energy to enter our local electric distribution network. Although the facility is privately owned, the 20 year Tax Pilot Agreement we entered into with the facility owner, NexAmp, will provide the Town with tax payments of approximately \$1.8 million over the 20 year period.

In addition and as anticipated, the Grantham Group broke ground on the new 83 unit assisted living facility on the grounds of the former Belchertown State School. This \$15.2 million facility is being constructed in close proximity to the location of the former Belchertown State School hospital building and a number of residential cottages. Those facilities in addition to other significant buildings were cleansed of hazardous materials and demolished in significant part utilizing a \$4 million appropriation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for this purpose. The commitment of \$4 million from the Commonwealth also enabled our Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC) and MassDevelopment to demolish the former infirmary building, the school building and most of the remaining cottages on the former campus site. Soon after the first of the new year, we anticipate G Building will be the next area of remediation and demolition

The Town also permitted and/or benefited from several new business starts to include an expansion of B Town Motors on State Street, final permitting and anticipated spring groundbreaking of a new Pride Convenience Store/Gas Plaza at the intersection of Routes 202 and 21, conversion of the former Quabbin Office Park commercial building to the new home office of Alden Credit Union, partial remediation and demolition of the former Quabbin Service Center gas plaza, extensive renovation at the former Crystal Car Wash Center and the former Hawley's Restaurant location which will soon open as a PetValu Center. In my opinion, the investment Belchertown has made in infrastructure in recent years combined with the residential growth of our community will position Belchertown well for increased business interests over the next several years.

Following our successful passage of the warrant article authorizing the Town to purchase the former John Patrick Center from the Commonwealth, the purchase was completed and the existing structure was demolished at the end of the year. This 5.5 acre parcel is strategically located within a broader parcel of town-owned properties directly abutting the Belchertown Family Center, Chestnut Hill Community School, Swift River School and a Belchertown Housing Authority complex. At this point, a final reuse initiative has not been identified as there are many ideas ranging from athletic fields, parking areas, an indoor sports complex -- the options are many. The priority was securing the property to safeguard private development. Now that the building has been razed we will continue our work to identify a reuse project for this parcel.

Grants are an important part of the funding we utilize to accomplish many of our initiatives. As Town Administrator, I am extremely proud of the pursuit and success in obtaining grant funding by our town departments. In recent months, the Belchertown Police Department has received a \$248,000 Violence Prevention/Education Grant, in addition to others such as Traffic Enforcement, 911 Training grants, Distracted Driving initiatives to name a few.

Our EDIC and their economic development partner, MassDevelopment, have successfully leveraged \$4 million in the FY17 budget cycle to continue remedial work at the Belchertown State School site and \$1.8 million in the FY18 state budget, in addition to two \$200,000 Federal Brownfields grants. Our Department of Public Works has been working tirelessly on securing state funding to accomplish projects such as the Route 181 Foot Print Road Project and more recently the Maple/State Street Congestion Management Project. In late summer, Lt. Governor Karen Polito presented the Town and its EDIC with a \$3 million grant award to construct a new interior roadway connecting Front Street to Jackson Street, enabling through traffic on the former Belchertown State School site. This grant was allowed through the MassWorks Program. A final significant award to mention goes to the Belchertown Conservation Office that successfully leveraged \$160,000 in an Open Space grant to be used in part to purchase the Mader Forest off Allen Street. These

noteworthy accomplishments combined with a number of less significant awards are critical in accomplishing some of our objectives.

After several years of rapid decline in residential housing starts, we have experienced a noticeable recovery. Although drastically short of the 100+ new homes constructed annually for over 20 years ago dating back prior to 2004, it appears we have recovered from the recession of 2007/2008 when we saw only 13 new homes, to approximately 65 in the last 12 months. Two major areas of new home construction are the Hickory Hills subdivision off George Hannum Road and the former Dudek Farm property at the intersections of Bardwell, North Washington and South Washington Streets. With a strong economy, a strong jobs market and favorable interest rates, we expect continued new home construction in the foreseeable future.

In a community such as Belchertown, which is strategically positioned for access to major job market, with abundant development land available, our community is very attractive to home builders or buyers. The economic benefit from this growth is not without challenge, however. A growing community experiences greater service demands on our schools, public safety, DPW, general government offices and services. The challenge is providing a respectable level of services utilizing available revenue all the while addressing State and Federal mandates which are often times unfunded. It is this challenge that makes each year's budget cycle interesting. It is no secret every town department and our school system would like additional funding, staffing or resources. Unfortunately, we must budget within our guidelines and keep an eye on the broader financial health of our town. At present, we are experiencing a decline in our long-term debt after an extended development cycle building new facilities (Fire Station, Police Station, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Senior Center, three new schools), as well as doing major building renovations. Our Stabilization Fund has grown by nearly \$1 million in the last four years and the Town maintains a very desirable bond rating. The work of our financial managers, Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen is in my opinion outstanding. I am optimistic our continued interest in new commercial development starts will position Belchertown in the near future to benefit from an increase in non-resident tax dollars enabling us to enhance the financial management of our community.

In closing, as a lifelong resident of our town and a 25 year employee, we should all be proud of this community we call home. Its success, its strengths, its ability to continue to meet the challenges is not accomplished by any one individual, department or platform but rather the work, commitment, and determination of many volunteers, elected officials, dedicated employees or hardworking legislative team members. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator's office, thank you. Thank you one and all.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Town Administrator

Finance Committee

The Fiscal Year 2018 budget projects an increase in the Town of Belchertown's annual estimated receipts from \$50,232,539 to \$51,444,065 for an increase of \$1,211,526. This increase was primarily due to the following:

	FY 2017	FY 2018	% Change
Local Receipts:	\$2,954,088	\$3,179,850	8%
Real Estate Tax Levy:	\$25,427,607	\$26,449,855	4%
Recurring State Aid (Cherry Sheet)	\$16,607,184	\$16,721,358	1%
Special Fund Receipts	\$3,583,849	\$3,433,191	-4%

Thus, the entire budget for the Town grew by 2.4%. The Town continued the practice of "borrowing" from Stabilization to balance the budget. The budgeted utilization of stabilization funds was reduced from \$560,000 for FY 2017 to \$250,000 for FY 2018.

The Town is now entering another budget season. The federal and state governments are dealing with limited resources and increases in demand by state and local governments. The recent tax legislation passed by Congress will likely put additional political pressure on municipal budgets to restrain increases in spending and the nearly automatic real estate Tax Levy increase up to the maximum allowed of 2.5%. Additionally, for the first time, municipalities must include on their balance sheets the expected long term liabilities for Other Postemployment Benefits Plan (OPEB costs). The most recent actuarial valuation for the Town of Belchertown estimates the cost at \$33,032,768. For the past two years the Town has included a line item for OPEB costs of \$10,000, a purely nominal sum given the enormity of the anticipated costs. The challenge for the future is not to ignore this reality and simply “kick the can down the road,” but to develop a specific revenue stream and strategy to deal with these liabilities in a responsible fashion. This will require many difficult and hard financial decisions from the taxpayers and the employees to define the appropriate balance between the demand for public services versus the demands for employee compensation and benefits.

The Finance Committee will begin meeting with the department heads to be pro-active and develop budgeting strategies to include options for dealing with OPEB. We remain committed to maintaining essential services and a healthy Stabilization Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Rose, Chairman
Finance Committee

ADA Committee

The American with Disabilities Committee Members for the year 2017 were Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Ted Bock, Fire Chief – Fire Rescue Department, Eric LeBeau, Director of Schools Buildings and Ground; and, Max Bock, Town Buildings and Grounds Supervisor.

The Committee meets throughout the year as necessary. The ADA Committee responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues. The ADA Committee invites the public’s opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

Agricultural Commission

This past year has been very quiet for the Commission. Grace Adzima and Sue Gay retired from the Commission. As of December 29, 2017, the Agricultural Commission is adding several new members. We are looking forward to 2018 and the future for agricultural in Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Shattuck, Chairman
Agricultural Commission



Animal Control Advisory Board

The Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) was formed in 2011 by the Board of Selectmen, who, prior to the inception of ACAB, was holding numerous hearings regarding domestic animal complaints and neighbor disputes within the community. As a result, the Board of Selectmen agreed it beneficial to form a separate board to hear and resolve matters that have escalated beyond the day to day functions of the Animal Control Officer.

The members of the ACAB comprise of residents with a wealth of knowledge and experience with domestic animals. All members currently are pet owners. Members include kennel operators, horse breeders, animal rescuers, and a member with a service animal. ACAB works closely with the Animal Control Officer in resolving matters of an escalated nature, and often, disputes between neighbors.

In 2017, for the first year since its inception, ACAB did not have any hearings. All matters were successfully resolved by the Animal Control Officer and did not have to be brought before ACAB.

The ACAB remains a stable and dedicated Board, and we are looking forward to a successful 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Belchertown Animal Control Advisory Board

Nicole Miner, Chair

Jim Luippold, Secretary

Audrey Safford

Brian Breveleri

Carol Kasabian

Chrystal Greenleaf

Animal Control Department

2017 saw us settle into our new facility and we are better able to handle some of the situations we have encountered. We took in 33 cats from a residence and have adopted out or transferred to other facilities 2/3 of the cats. All of these cats were spayed/neutered and vaccinated thanks to an emergency grant from the Mass Animal Fund.



During 2017, we were able to spay/neuter and vaccinate 43 feral or community cats thanks to a Massachusetts Animal Coalition grant. The friendly cats and kittens were adopted out by this department and the truly feral cats were returned to the folks feeding and caring for them.

We continue to work with Train A Dog Save A Warrior (TADSAW) to adopt out our unclaimed canine strays as service dogs to veterans. 2017 saw us adopt out two dogs to veterans.

We continue to work with local breed specific rescues to temporarily house dogs pulled from situations until they can be placed into foster homes.

We have several groups including the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts that are in the midst of projects aimed at helping us help residents in our community.

We have started a volunteer program that is still in its infancy but look forward to what we can do in the future.

BARC, Belchertown Animal Relief Committee, continues to support us in our endeavors and is in the process of purchasing a generator for our facility. This will allow us to continue caring for the animals in our building without worrying about lack of power during a storm or any other outage.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Fenton

Animal Control Officer

Board of Assessors

At the Town Election in May, Thomas Barry was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors. Raymond Goff and Donald Minney remain members of the Board.

Although national and state budgets continue to underperform, and costs associated with running municipal governments continue to rise, Belchertown's financial outlook remains relatively stable. Important figures in establishing Belchertown's fiscal year 2017 municipal budget included:

FY17 Total Taxable Value	1,401,962,810
Town Meeting Appropriations	\$51,137,355
Estimated Receipts/State Aid	\$25,621,632
Tax Levy	\$25,515,723
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions	\$25,579,600
FY17 New Growth	\$376,992
FY17 Tax Rate	\$18.20

The Board acted upon timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners. The Board also reviewed and acted upon "Chapter" applications for land devoted to agricultural, recreational or forestry uses.

As part of the cyclical inspection program, the assessing staff continues to inspect single-family homes throughout town. In accordance with Department of Revenue guidelines, the staff will verify property characteristics of single-family homes until the project is completed. The Assessors staff is inspecting approximately 500 homes each year.

The Assessors received additional funding from the Community Preservation Committee to microfilm historical tax records. The public can now view tax commitments beginning in 1862 on-line.

A new vehicle was purchased and will be utilized by office staff for field inspections.

The Assessors conducted an interim-year valuation adjustment for all real estate in fiscal year 2017. Due to improved market conditions, the town's property values saw a moderate increase.

The Board is confident that all classes of property are valued according to mass appraisal standards and Massachusetts Department of Revenue guidelines.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors and the entire assessing staff are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors

Donald Minney, Chairman

Raymond Goff, Vice Chairman

Thomas Barry, Clerk

Belchertown Community Television (BCTV)

The purpose of Belchertown Community Television (BCTV) is to operate Community Channels 191, 192, and 193 on the cable television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or taped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of volunteers. What we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more local programming.

Channel 193 - BCTV Weather Station

The BCTV weather information system is broadcast on Charter channel 193 and displays the current weather conditions at the BCTV station as well as, the current regional radar. This service operates 24 hours a day with audio provided by the National Weather Service from Albany, NY, with forecasts, storm and emergency warnings for the Pioneer Valley.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

Selectmen	Council on Aging
Planning Board	Agriculture Commission
Conservation Commission	Board of Health
BEDIC	The Annual Town Meeting
Belchertown School Committee	Special Town Meetings
Pathfinder School Committee	

(Meetings currently not covered are: Housing Authority, Recreation Commission, and others)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:

Most BHS Band Concerts	The BHS Senior Graduation Ceremony
Most BHS Drama Presentations	Swift River and Chestnut Hill productions
Most CHCS Band Concerts	

(Events not being covered include Soccer games, Baseball games, Softball games, Hockey Games, Volleyball, Chess,)

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:

The Summer Community Band Concerts on the Common	Some Holiday events
The Annual Belchertown Fair	Veterans' Day Ceremony and Parade
The Annual Fair Parade	Memorial Day Ceremonies

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

St. Francis Roman Catholic Church	Hope United Methodist Church
Christ Community Church	Evangel of Wilbraham

Accomplishments and Goals: BCTV's goal each year is to maintain and upgrade our existing facility and to get new volunteers trained and independently operating. It is our hope to cover as many community events as we can and then broadcast them as professionally as we can. Community events presented professionally make us a valuable asset in Belchertown.

This year we were able to:

- install TV Monitors for BHS and LMH for better monitoring of live broadcasts from those locations
- install a Sling Box which makes it possible to monitor BCTV shows from an internet connection
- purchase a portable headset communication system which makes it possible for the console operator to talk with the camera operators in setting up live locations TV pictures
- install at BHS permanent cameras and an 8 microphone splitter making it possible for one person to go live from the BHS Auditorium
- solve a problem in live broadcasts with the assistance of Brian Weng, Frank Lomanno, and Kevin Hannon. It took many months of phone calls to the manufacturer of our video switcher, Verizon, and the Town IT department but after 4 months we found the problem. It was a town input port that failed.
- train three interns. Cole Walker was back from his first year of college. Rose Martula heard of us and volunteered, and Makeda Diggs, a recent college communication graduate joined us while she job searched. Thank you to them for their work.
- fly the BCTV DJI Phantom 3 Advanced model drone on several productions. Rick Rabe and Lew Louraine passed their sUAS certification and are now licensed pilots for that drone.

BCTV does have a small but extremely dedicated staff. Below is the complete list of the folks who make up BCTV and many but not all of the shows they tape, edit, burn to DVDs, upload to VIMEO for the citizens of Belchertown, along with some of their other contributions to BCTV:

- Pat Barry – BEDIC, Board of Health, upload shows to VIMEO
- Mary Ann Brennen – Planning Board, Annual Town Meeting, Special Town Meeting, and other events
- Keith Bettencourt – Conversation with Pakman
- Elliot Burke – School Committee, Ag Commission, Council on Aging, Farmers' Market, Donna Lee
- Louise Christ – BCTV Scheduler, St. Francis Roman Catholic Church, Concerts on the Common
- Audrey LePage – BCTV Bulletin Board
- Shawn Lindholm – All School Activities at BHS, JBMS, and Crocker Farm
- Frank Lommano – BCTV IT Manager, All live BCTV shows, Conservation Commission
- Rick Rabe – Hope United Church – Certified Drone Pilot
- Tim Smith – Christ Community Church

Continuing our list of accomplishments from last year (and this is typical of all the years BCTV has been in operation) by category:

Continuing Series:

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| - Stone House Speaker Series | - Conservation Commission Walks |
| - Town Talk | - Donna Lee at Clapp Library |
| - 4H Garden Year | - Belchertown Farmers' Market |

Live shows:

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| - Belchertown Fair | - Swift River – "It's A Small World" |
| - Belchertown Parade | - Special Town Meeting |
| - BHS "An Evening in Christmas Town" | - Annual Town Meeting |
| - CHCS – Veterans Day Performance | |

Shows of Special Interest:

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| - School House Move onto Foundation | - Jimmy Fund Putt-a-thon |
| - Car Show on the Common | - SOAAR event on the Town Common |
| - Rag Shag Parade | - Tour of Christopher Heights Northampton |
| - Austin Farm Corn Maze | - Tour of Christopher Heights Belchertown |
| - Relay for Life | - Carols on the Common 2017 |
| - Leprechaun Plunge | - Christmas Lights of Belchertown 2017 |

Shows produced outside of Belchertown:

- Physicians Focus
- At the Dance with Tom and Deb
- Your Right to Know (Fitchburg City Republican Committee)
- Westover ARB Monthly News
- Conversations with Pakman

Finally, BCTV offers a portable sound system for use by community organizations. The following groups have made use of this resource:

- Belchertown Fair Committee
- Belchertown Voices for Justice
- American Legion
- Christopher Heights Belchertown ground breaking

The portable sound system is a battery-operated two-speaker system, has two wireless microphones, and is available to any and all Belchertown Community organizations.

BCTV is always in need of volunteers. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months, and skills we do not possess that we could use.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis Louraine, Station Manager
Peg Louraine, Operations Manager

Clapp Memorial Library

Each year brings unique triumphs and challenges and this year was no different. The Library continues to be a dynamic, lively destination seeking to fulfill our mission to connect our users to ideas, technologies, experiences, and to others in the community and the world at large. We do this by offering a bountiful array of diverse programs, a total of 518 in Fiscal Year 2017 with total attendance of 12,700! We also accomplish this by providing easy access to our collection of 24,657 books, 6,290 DVDs, 2,200 music CDs, and 70 magazine subscriptions. Last year, 4,328 new items were added to the collection.

Membership in the C/WMARS resource sharing network leverages our collection by allowing our users to borrow materials from 144 member libraries with combined collections of over 9 million items. This membership also provides access to the OverDrive Digital Collection featuring 41,900 eBooks and 13,180 downloadable audio books. Participation in the Massachusetts Library Systems adds access to an additional 21,858 eBooks through the statewide Commonwealth eBook Collections.

Last year the Library circulated 108,946 items, and borrowed 14,800 items from consortium libraries to meet the needs of our 7,781 registered card holders. We also offer a variety of electronic collections, most of which users can access from home. These collections include Rosetta Stone language learning program, Consumer Reports Online, Morningstar Investment Research, Tumblebooks for children, Ancestry and HeritageQuest genealogy databases, Newsbank for online Western Massachusetts newspapers, and RBDigital for downloadable magazines. These resources logged 12,523 uses. If one's preference is for a print newspaper, the Library subscribes to the daily Boston Globe, Springfield Republican, Wall St Journal, Daily Hampshire Gazette and the Sunday New York Times.

Our Museum Pass Program continues to be popular, with 16 passes available for borrowing. While terms vary from institution to institution, these passes permit free or reduced price admission to these regional attractions: The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, The Clark Art Museum, the Children's Museum at Holyoke, Historic Deerfield, The Ecotarium, MASSMoCA, Springfield Museums, Smith College Museum of Art, Old Sturbridge Village, Mystic Aquarium, Norman Rockwell Museum, Wistariahurst Museum, Worcester Art

Museum, U.S.S. Constitution, Zoo in Forest Park, and the Massachusetts DCR Parks Pass. Funded by the Friends of the Library, the value of the program is unbeatable.

Always on the lookout for new ways to serve the community, the Library was happy to be one of the sponsors of the extremely popular Food Truck Friday that took place on the Common last summer, providing games, activities, and prizes for children and their families who turned out to enjoy great food on a beautiful, warm evening. Also new is the availability of a 4.5 inch tabletop Orion Starblast Telescope. Users age 18 and up with a Clapp Memorial Library card can borrow the telescope for a one-week period. Start your star-gazing today! We continue to offer the only fax and public photocopy service in town, free Wi-Fi and public access internet computers.

The Library hosts a number of art displays throughout the year featuring the phenomenal creations of the BHS students in Lori St. Pierre's art classes. This past year, the students and their teacher went above and beyond the usual, fashioning a marvelous Belchertown-themed mosaic which was unveiled at an Open House and is now on permanent display in the Library. It must be seen in person to be fully appreciated.

Programming is central to what we do at the Clapp Memorial Library and the offerings feature something for everyone. In August, we passed out 225 pairs of eclipse glasses and hosted a community solar eclipse viewing on the Library lawn. Even with a partial view, it was an awesome event. Other all-ages events include celebrating International Games Day, bird-watching in Costa Rica (through slides), and making bags from recycled t-shirts.

Adults listened to author talks, where they learned about local professional baseball players, mystery writing, and life at the Belchertown State School. They viewed gorgeous photographs of Quabbin Reservoir in all seasons, listened to Irish music and jazz, learned about "Supernatural Massachusetts", became better organized with the help of an expert organizer, mixed unique perfumes using essential oils, discovered the art of Japanese paper flower making, played the ukulele, and practiced mindfulness meditation. They also had the chance to try their skills, along with some teenagers, at unlocking the secrets of a Harry Potter-themed Escape Room. Naturally, avid readers discussed books at two monthly book groups and tried out new recipes at the Cookbook Club.

Children are among our most appreciative users, and 562 of them stayed engaged over the summer by participating in our "Build a Better World" Summer Reading Program. Scott Fischer once again designed a fantastic original t-shirt. Shirts were distributed to each young participant, thanks to the Friends of the Library who also sponsored the special summer programs. And what a summer it was! As the result of participation in a statewide PJ Drive, the Library was the winner of a visit from Blades, the Boston Bruins mascot. A full house enjoyed games and goodies and one lucky reader won an official Boston Bruins hockey stick signed by the 2017 team. The free raffle was open to any age individual who participated in the summer reading program, which also included 182 adult participants and 62 teenagers!

The youth fun continued with authors reading their picture books, storytellers and troubadours, puppet shows and outdoor music, a magic show, rocket building and launching, a girl rock band performance, roller skating, a mime, and a space program that led kids through the solar system and beyond. And that was just the summer. There were movie nights, building with giant blocks, music for little ones, a Halloween concert, a Lego zip line challenge, story time with teen authors and much more.

The Library also functions as the library for the Cold Springs School. Classes visit regularly—107 times last year—to choose books, hear a story, and become familiar with the rich array of choices available here.

Teen programming continued to be lively with new events as well as old favorites. The Third Annual Teen Pizza Tasting Contest was once again a big hit. Teens eagerly participated in NaNoWriMo-National Novel Writing Month- again this year, working feverishly to write a novel in one month. Teen Write Nights and a Book Discussion Group were also introduced, along with the ever popular Teen Trivia and Movie Night,

ukulele instruction, a Super Hero debate, and an afternoon 3-D robotics makerspace. Extended Study Time offered after-hours tutors and study space to BHS students during exam period. Thirty-eight teens joined the Junior Volunteers this summer, giving time and energy to the Library while gaining valuable community service experience and making a positive contribution to the Library.

The hard-working Friends never cease to amaze with their biannual book sales, which generate funds that support programs, services and equipment purchases that are beyond the reach of our budget. They deserve tremendous thanks for their service. We also thank our regular volunteers who contributed 765 hours of their time to the Library. Teen volunteers worked 374 of these hours!

The Board of Trustees said goodbye to Frank Lomanno as they thank him for his six years of service. The Trustees welcomed new member Abby O'Brien to the Board. Technical Services Librarian Nancy Bronner retired after 27 years at the Library and we wish her well. She will be missed by the many patrons she has helped over the years. The Trustees again ran a successful Annual Appeal to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance and repair of this historic 1887 building. Along those lines, the Library also participated in the annual Valley Gives online fundraiser. Sincere thanks goes to all community members who contributed to these efforts.

Community engagement is our goal. Thank you to the entire community for the support we receive each year. Please do stop in and discover what your Library has to offer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila McCormick, Library Director

Community Preservation Committee

Now in its successful 11th year, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) continues to review project applications for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds and make recommendations to the Town of Belchertown. These recommendations for funding are then voted on and approved at Town Meeting.

The CPA is a state tool designed to help individual towns and cities preserve and enhance their community. Belchertown voters approved CPA participation at Town Meeting on May 16, 2005. Every year 10% of the CPA funds must be allocated to each of three categories: open space, historic preservation and community housing. The remaining 70% may be allocated to any of these categories including creation of recreational facilities or rehabilitating existing ones.

Under the CPA, the state-match funds raised in Belchertown from a tax surcharge of 1.5% averages \$35 per household/year. This year the State provided a 20.58% match. The CPA surcharge for FY17 was \$229,187 and the State match was \$45,135. However, since many CPA projects include additional outside funding sources, the financial benefits to Belchertown greatly multiplied the Town's own contributions. Over the last 11 years, there has been a total of \$752,729 spent on the preservation of open space; \$329,000 on the creation of new affordable housing opportunities, \$756,671 on the creation and rehabilitation of recreational areas and \$1,056,084 on the preservation of historic features. Leveraged funding has totaled \$19,515,960 so the Town has benefited from a total of \$23,081,108 in projects.

The 2017 Annual Town Meeting approved 11 CPA projects with a total appropriation of \$173,375. These projects include:

- Digitization of Historic Tax Records from 1946-1975
- Repair of the fence at the CHCS Cronk Field
- Repair of the combination goals at the CHCS recreation complex
- Repair of the scoreboard at the CHCS recreation complex

- Repair of dugouts at both the front and rear softball fields at the CHCS recreation complex
- Repair of the track surrounding the football field at the CHCS recreation complex
- Restoration of gravestones at Mt. Hope, South and Rural Cemeteries
- Establishment of the Tri-Lakes water quality monitoring program
- Window replacement at Everett Acres
- Update of appraisal of Mader Farm for future Land Grant application

The CPC is committed to an open process that is fair to all prospective applicants, and assures funds are allocated efficiently and effectively.

The volunteers serving as members for the past year included:

James Natle, Chairman	Leslie Squires
Linda Leduc, Vice-Chair	Peg Louraine
Betsy Loughran, Clerk	Megan Manitsas
Nancy Delgado Bachman	Wilbur Quirk
Judy Healy	
Nick O'Conner, Selectman Liaison	

Conservation Commission

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held 52 hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; 23 were Requests for Determination, 30 were Notices of Intent, one application was withdrawn, one Amended Order of Conditions and two for Extended Orders of Conditions. The Commission issued five Emergency Certificates for the protection of public health and safety; the majority of the emergencies were to remediate flooding impacts as a result of beaver activity. The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition, the Commission also reviewed the applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plan for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company, National Grid and the New England Central Railroad Company.

The Conservation Commission Administrator, under the guidance of the Conservation Commission, is the Stormwater Authority for the Town. This responsibility is for the enforcement and permitting process for the Belchertown Stormwater Bylaw and regulations which went into effect in January, 2008. For the year 2017, there were 33 applications submitted for review. These regulations serve to protect public health, environment, and general welfare by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year including housing lots, subdivisions currently under construction, ANR lots and Stormwater site visits. In addition, the Commission has dealt with several outstanding enforcement issues and has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission continues to work with various Town departments for the Belchertown State School redevelopment project and is currently working with the project manager and the adjoining Lampson Brook Farm to provide protection, passive recreational access, environmental education and agricultural opportunities for this large undeveloped area. The Commission is also working with the Planning Board and the Recreation Department to create a handicapped accessible trail around Lake Wallace.

The Conservation Commission was awarded a \$343,636 grant through the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity, (LAND) Grant program of the Mass. Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the Mader Town Forest. This 86 acre property, in the vicinity of the Holland Glen Conservation Area, consists of a steep hillside with scenic vistas, a popular place for hiking, and a recharge area for Jabish Brook - a water supply for Belchertown and the City of Springfield. This property also has numerous Vernal Pools located

within its boundaries. The conservation goal for this property is to protect a large tract of contiguous forestland, to be designated as a Town Forest, to improve outdoor recreation opportunities, support the local timber economy, preserve wildlife habitat and protect drinking water supplies.

In addition, the Commission, working with the Pioneer Valley Planning Committee and DPW was also awarded a \$50,000 stormwater grant from DEP to study the creation of a Stormwater Utility. As the current Stormwater Authority, the Commission is working with the Stormwater Committee in developing a process to handle the new proposed MS-4 (Municipal Stormwater Discharges) regulations which are proposed to go into effect in July 2018.

The Conservation Commission has been involved in numerous conservation area stewardship projects, collaborating with both private and public organizations, as well as individuals. New trails have been blazed on the Reed Conservation Area as well as an updated trail map. The Jabish Brook Conservation trails have been improved, cleared and maintained. We are currently having the Holland Glen Conservation Area surveyed to determine property lines for a future parking area and new trail construction. The Conservation Commission would like to thank all volunteers and the Belchertown Department of Public Works for all their assistance with the stewardship and maintenance of our conservation areas.

The Commission has been actively working with the Tri-lakes Association and the Belchertown Lakes Committee. The purpose of this relationship is to address the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed-upon goals for Belchertown's Lacustrine habitats. Monitoring water quality, vegetation and nutrient content is a necessity in assessing the overall health for all three Lakes. The Conservation Commission, the Belchertown Lakes Committee, Tri-Lakes Association and DPW are currently all working together to address the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet the water quality and other agreed-upon goals for these lakes.



The updated 2013-2020 Open Space and Recreation Plan, (OSRP) will continue to qualify Belchertown for numerous State grant opportunities. The 2013-2020 Open Space and Recreation goals and objectives for 2018 will continue to incorporate this data reflecting community concerns for the Town and provide Belchertown with the resources, recreational management guidelines and strategies for the next seven years. In addition, the Conservation Commission regrettably accepted the resignation of Linda Leduc, a Commission member for over seven years who resigned in January

2017. A new Conservation Commission member Eric Wojtowicz joined the Commission on June 12th.

The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2018 and feels confident that the environment is favorable within the local community to protect and maintain valuable resource areas and open space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by Town departments, Land Trusts, State agencies, private individuals and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted;

David Haines, Chairman
Jon Clements, Vice-Chairman
Edward Knight, Commissioner
John Henry, Commissioner
Michael Cavatorta, Commissioner
Eric Wojtowicz, Commissioner
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator
and
Michele Nowak, Department Clerk

Council on Aging / Senior Center

The Belchertown Council on Aging/Senior Center provides a wide range of services to the senior population of Belchertown. These services are provided at the Senior Center, which is located in the Whitlock Municipal Complex at 60 State Street, (Route 202). Executive Director, Bill Korzenowski, manages the day-to-day operations. The Council on Aging board provides support, input, advocacy and oversight. Current board members include: Chairperson, Maura Guzik, Vice Chair, Robert Farrington, Secretary, Diane Plante, Donna Bozoglos, and James Dowling. The Senior Center building includes a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, which provides both congregate meals and Meals on Wheels to seniors in the community. We offer a Supportive Day Program, transportation services and an array of recreational, health, educational, and social service programs available to seniors ages 60 and older. This building also acts as a backup shelter for use in the event of a community emergency.

When the “new” Center opened 17 years ago, the senior population in Belchertown, 60 and over, was about 1500. Currently that number is closer to 4,000 and is projected to reach almost 6,000 by 2030 comprising nearly 40 percent of the total town population. This increase will require additional funding, staffing, space and programming in order to meet the needs of this age group. A town wide Needs Assessment was conducted over a two year span and was completed in January of this year. The findings were presented to the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and to the public in a community forum. The full Needs Assessment is available on our website. There are gaps in services for seniors and their families. Additional transportation services for medical appointments, shopping and other personal needs continues to be an issue but resources and funding sources are limited. In-home respite care and other in-home services are lacking or too expensive for seniors who do not meet state income guidelines. Mental health services for seniors are lacking and we have begun an initiative involving several local organizations to address this need. We document these needs and seek grants and other funding sources to help fund service programs. Almost half our budget comes from grants, fees, and other outside funding sources. The need for creative ways to service our

increasing senior population remains a top priority. Additional expansion of the current senior center complex is inevitable. As we look at a master plan for Belchertown, it is our strong conviction that more affordable senior housing is needed. An Assisted Living complex broke ground this year and is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2018. This facility will be of benefit to town residents but will also add additional work for the Senior Center particularly in the area of transportation services. Our seniors should be able to remain in the Town they helped build and receive services they need. As we place a priority on educating our children, we need to prioritize services for those who helped build this town.

Outreach, Insurance Counseling and Social Services are a major part of the services, which we provide. Privacy and Confidentiality is our priority in these areas. Individuals can receive assistance obtaining appropriate insurance and prescription drug coverage information, fuel assistance, homecare services, housing, transportation, access to and information regarding State and Federal programs, nutritional, personal and home safety issues. The addition of a prescription drug component to Medicare along with the State’s Prescription Advantage program has added a heavy additional demand on this department. We have two SHINE trained counselors on staff. We coordinate with community based agencies such as WestMass ElderCare, Greater Springfield Senior Services, VNA, Franklin Community Action as well as partnerships with police, fire, EMT, churches, private and non-profit agencies and local businesses to expand services to seniors and their families.

Transportation continues to be a major issue as many of our seniors are at the mercy of limited rural transportation services once they no longer drive. The requests for service outstrip our ability to meet the need. Development of an in-town network with more flexibility than the services currently offered by the PVRTA is still a pressing matter. The Council began providing a bi-monthly trip to Wal-Mart and Big Y in response to the need expressed by seniors. During FY17, our handicapped accessible vans transported 315 different seniors almost 8,500 individual trips. In addition we provided over 1,000 hours of Med-Ride transportation to 90 seniors. The Executive Director of the Senior Center has been successful

in submitting two mobility assistance grants to obtain new 14-passenger vehicles costing \$58,000 each from the Executive Office of Transportation over the last seven years. As these vehicles have aged they require more extensive repairs and at least one is in need of replacement. Competition for funds from this program has greatly increased making it more difficult to obtain these vehicles and increasing the likelihood that we will need to request future vehicle funding from the Town. The transportation provided under this program is vital to the continued physical and emotional well-being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care. Seniors need access to a variety of activities including shopping, social and recreational activities and much more. Rides are offered for general shopping and doctor appointments as scheduling allows. Belchertown seniors who participate in the Supportive Day Program at the Center also receive transportation.

Demand for our Companion/Errand program, which provides our seniors with transportation and a companion to accompany them to physician and dental visits, medical tests, and rehabilitation appointments continues to overwhelm our capabilities to provide service. We greatly appreciate the financial support for this program through donations from our fundraising group, local citizens and businesses. The Council received a generous bequest from the estate of a former client, Ella Prescott, to help support this program. We provided 100 hours of service to 90+ seniors and their caregivers during the past 12 months. Those served depend on the service for something many of us who drive take for granted, a means to get from one place to another. This program is partially funded by a Federal Title III-E Caregiver Assistance grant through WestMass ElderCare, our local Aging Service Access Point. It has grown from having a budget of \$3,500 and a dozen clients, to over 100 clients with a budget over \$25,000. The spread out medical network, which includes Wing, Mary Lane, Cooley Dickinson and Baystate in Springfield along with many facilities throughout the surrounding towns, makes it difficult to access appointments with public transportation. This will continue to be an issue in the years ahead. The Council is making every effort to maintain this service and advocate for additional transportation services and funds. We are also part of the State's Regional Coordinating Committee for transportation in Western MA.

The Title III-C Nutrition Program provides on-site hot lunches, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their homes. Nutritionally balanced hot meals are cooked on-site and served in our dining room Monday through Friday. Live music or a guest speaker often accompanies meal site lunches. Holiday, special ethnic, and birthday celebrations are common luncheon themes throughout the year. During the FY17 period, 376 area seniors enjoyed in excess of 7,000 meals in the relaxed and lighthearted atmosphere of our dining room with the good company of others. We have maxed out the capacity in our dining room on a variety of occasions in the past year. Our Home Delivered Meals Program served an additional 17,500 meals to 134 different seniors. Meals are prepared on site and delivered hot to the most fragile and needy of seniors. This program provides safety and wellness checks through the daily contact of the home delivered meals driver for homebound elders. The Elder Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of town funding, grant money, participant donations, private fundraising and donations, state home care reimbursements, USDA cash supplements and commodities.

The Adult Supportive Day Program is a staff supervised activities, exercise and companionship program specially designed for elders who should not or do not wish to stay home alone during the day. Staff and peer support is provided for those who are isolated, confused, suffering personal loss, recovering from illness or injury or who have certain physical restrictions because of age related disabilities. One of its goals is to help support caregivers. This is a therapeutic program, which benefits the participants as well as the participant's family and/or caregivers. Twelve different seniors and their families were served by this program in FY17.

A Memory Café to help support those with varying stages of dementia and their caregivers was added this past year. This program allows a social outlet in a safe comfortable setting. Too many times those with dementia and other memory issues and their caregivers become isolated for a variety of reasons. We are currently looking into ways that Belchertown may become a Dementia Friendly Community.

Mental Health issues are affecting many seniors. Depression is very common in the elderly and contributes significantly to related health problems. Lack of Mental Health services continues to be an issue for seniors. We continue to advocate for additional funding and services.

Due to increasing financial issues facing our seniors, we also operate a non-food item distribution program, which helps our seniors to stretch their income. Items include household cleaning items, laundry products and personal care items. Donations and fundraising help support this program.

Regular weekly and monthly programs and activities include a walking club, pool and ping pong tables, daily exercise classes, computer class, monthly theme socials, bingo, Mah Jongg, movies, book discussion, Zendoodle, a variety of card games, painting and craft groups and two different musical groups. We offer a variety of monthly educational and informational programs on a variety of topics pertinent to senior issues. Computer classes are offered weekly and there is always open access to computers and the Internet in our rear lobby area. We also have a travel club, which is operated by our Senior Center Citizens Association.

Wellness programming continues to expand. Two hundred forty five people participated in a variety of programs. Most of these programs take place in the Freedom building next door to the main Senior Center. There is a frequently used exercise room with three treadmills, exercise bikes, and other equipment. Flex & Tone exercise program, Osteo-exercise class, Yoga, Line Dancing and continue to be very popular. In addition, we offer monthly nutrition and health related informational programs, foot care clinic, hearing loss testing and a yearly flu shot clinic. We have several evening programs, many of which are open to the entire community. Staffing issues prevent the offering of more evening programs.

Intergenerational programs involve our seniors and school age children. We are continuing to work with the school system to provide students ongoing volunteer opportunities to serve our seniors in such areas as yard work and snow shoveling.

We strive to develop collaborative programs with a variety of outside groups, organizations, and individuals. AARP provides a tax preparation service for seniors from February through April. The Food Bank of Western MA provides a monthly food distribution program. These collaborations provide excellent programs to the community at no cost to the taxpayers.

Belchertown TRIAD continues addressing issues of health and safety in the community. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many in Hampshire County supporting this project. Our TRIAD group has continued its project of providing identifying reflective house numbers to community residents. These numbers assist the Police, EMS, and Fire Departments in finding your home. We continued a very successful house key lock box program along with a Falls & Fire Prevention Program.

Dedicated volunteers are a major asset to the Senior Center. Over 80 citizens were recognized for their service to seniors in FY17. Over 14,000 hours of service were donated at a savings of at least \$165,000. Our Fundraising group, the Belchertown Senior Citizen's Center Association provides financial support through fundraising events and through proceeds from "Second Best", a used clothing and housewares store located next to the Senior Center. This store serves the entire community and donations are welcome. Their dedication and financial support helps fund our programs and services.

The Belchertown Council on Aging's Senior Center and the services that the organization provides would not be possible without the support of the local town citizens, volunteers, Belchertown Senior Center Citizens Association, grants, state and local town government. We also have an incredible dedicated and talented group who staff the Senior Center. Their expertise and caring provides fantastic services to our seniors. Thank you for this support.

Cultural Council

Belchertown's Cultural Council fostered a number of cultural events and activities in 2017, involving local area artists and craftspeople. Belchertown's share from the Massachusetts Cultural Council was \$5,500 to be divided among local artists.

The Cultural Council funded several programs at the Belchertown Senior Center, including an Organic Gardening Talk, Folded Book Art, and an Art with Poetry event, and funded the School Garden Project at Swift River Elementary School.

Several programs at the Clapp Memorial Library were funded, including a Ukulele workshop, a 3D design workshop, and a concert by the Jazz Bones. The Council funded the annual performance by the Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestras.

Other sponsored programs included a project by the Belchertown High School Arts Honor Society and the Hilltown Families Newsletter.

The Belchertown Cultural Council is always willing to consult with townspeople who wish to find a way to fund projects and programs in town. Our thanks to those who have designed and presented programs.

Council members are: Claudia Bermudez, Cathy Carlton Hews, Matt Grillo, Jennifer Turner, Jennifer Meighan, Rachel Martins, Carey Southwick-Fink, Heather Benedetti, and Susan Shea-Bressette.

For the Cultural Council,

Claudia Bermudez

Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (BEDIC)

The Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1982. The Board of Selectmen appoints seven members with staggered, three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property creating real estate investment and jobs.

During 2012, BEDIC overcame many long-term obstacles that were blocking the development of the site: solving the indemnification issues with the Division of Capital Management and Maintenance (DCAM) with help from our legislators and MassDevelopment, our Master Developer for the site, to continue developing the State School property. During 2014, the Governor signed the release of a key additional parcel from DCAM to the BEDIC that was transferred in early 2015.

MassDevelopment continues to develop the conceptual plan for the site with BEDIC, Town Selectmen, the Planning Board and the Town Administrator. All parties are working together to design a master plan that fits with the overall goals of the Town Plan. The site is now called the Carriage Grove Business Center and the planned main road will be designated Carriage Drive. The State awarded BEDIC and the Town a \$3,000,000 Mass Works grant for 2,000 feet of the road through to Jackson Street. Front Street was extended further into the site by the Town. Through MassDevelopment, BEDIC has spent almost \$2.3-million in State funds for remediation and demolition and the Administration Building has been cleaned, the large School building has been demolished and clearing of Pad 1 completed. Phase III remediation and demolition is currently contracted for and 16 buildings with approximately 200,000 sq. ft. of space have been cleared. BEDIC has received additional funding through two EPA grants totaling \$400,000 for further site remediation. All wooden cottages

have been removed. Site security has been increased with the very active participation of the Police Department.

The Grantham Group is constructing an assisted living facility on approximately 3 acres. Low Income Housing Tax Credits have been awarded to Grantham and construction is expected to be completed and the facility opened in the Spring of 2018. BEDIC has received additional development project proposals for sections for the site and is conducting discussions and negotiations through MassDevelopment for those possibilities.

The BEDIC and MassDevelopment worked with the Planning Board, the Belchertown Historical and Conservation Commissions, Town groups and the State to collaborate on plans for memorializing the history of the site and providing access for the public through a trails network.

Directors:

William Terry, Chairman

Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman

Jonathan Spiegel, At Large Seat

Bob Rivard, Industrial Seat

Beth Maroney, Financial Seat

Richard Kump, Real Estate Seat

Emergency Management

During 2017 there were not any incidents that extended beyond the resource capabilities of our regularly trained workforce. In late fall, the Town experienced a weather related storm that created isolated power outages for several area residents for a few days, citizens were able to adapt and work through the outages. Again, December brought a two week sub-zero cold spell to the region; however, once again the Town's people were able to endure the demands of the weather related event.

The Town's CTY instant notification system continues to provide general notification to the public about public safety events unfolding in real time.

The Office of Emergency Management continuously reviews the Town's emergency plan which focuses on natural and technological hazards.

Committee members continue to maintain a partnership of emergency preparedness with our county neighbors, along with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), under the direction of Homeland Security.

The Town continues to work with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission on hazardous mitigation taking a proactive approach to identify potential future problems that may occur during natural weather events. In addition, during this past year time was spent working on the storm water runoff mandate initiated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Your town officials are dedicated and continue to prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock

Emergency Management Director

Fair and Parade Committee

Belchertown celebrated its 160th annual fair and parade. This year's theme was "Fairest of Them All." Exhibitors and town organizations put their minds to work and came up with many different ideas.



Amusement rides were provided by Fiesta Shows. Friday night opened with discounted wristband sales. Due to the fantastic weather, the common was very busy.

Saturday's parade stepped off with a police escort, followed by the Color Guard. Marchers included professional units including the American Legion, Town officials, Police and Fire Departments. Many amateur units followed.

There were so many events going on that weekend. The Social Tent, 4-H and Kids' Tents were oh so busy. The pulling ring proved to be another crowd favorite again this year.

Wendy and all of her Exhibit Hall volunteers out did themselves as usual.

Awards

Gerry Whitlock Best Presentation of Theme Decorated Booth

Youth Booth Winner: Belchertown 4H Tent

Adult Booth Winner: Studio Syx Designs

Parade Awards include:

Judge's Award Best Presentation of Theme:

Floats:

- 1st-Belchertown Veterinary Hospital
- 2nd-Cub Scout Pack 57
- 3rd-Belchertown Education Association

Bands:

- 1st-Belchertown High School Band
- 2nd-Jabish Brook Middle School Band

Marching Units (Amateur):

- 1st-Footloose School of Dance
- 2nd-Cub Scout Pack 507
- 3rd-The Jimmy Fund-Bell & Hudson

Marching Units (Professional):

- 1st-Knights of Columbus
- 2nd-Demented Fx
- 3rd-Belchertown EMS

Antique Cars:

- 1st-Dot ThayerA
- 2nd-Deb Wendzell
- 3rd-Henry Eskett

First Place Antique Truck:

John Sasur

Antique Tractors:

- 1st-Dick Harris
- 2nd-Jack Arcouette
- 3rd-Daniel Austin

Antique Apparatus:

- 1st-Belchertown Fire & Rescue Department
- 2nd-Monson Bellman
- 3rd-Three Rivers Fire Department

Exhibit Hall Awards include:

- Exhibit Hall Grand Champion: Cindy Brown
- Andy Michaud Apple Pie Contest (Adult): Molly Adams
- Andy Michaud Apple Pie Contest (Youth): Ashley Opalenik
- Helen Papp Award: Alexis LaVallee
- Glen Butler Award: Leonard Waite
- Fair Cake Adult: Duane Adams
- Fair Cake Youth: Lunamarie Lee
- Hubert and Jennie Greene Award: Colleen Butler
- People's Choice Award Adult: Cindy Brown
- People's Choice Award Youth: 3rd Grade Class / Swift River Elementary
- Preston Atwood Award: Wendy McDonald
- Bob Wilson Award: Cindy Brown

- Les Campbell Award: Walter Coombs
- E.C. Howard and Sons Award: No entries
- 1st Place Scarecrow Adult: Holly Rainaud-Loss
- 1st Place Scarecrow Youth: Brandie Dumais
- Elsie Waskiewicz Award: Aimee Henderson

- Best Agricultural Display: Belchertown 4-H Garden Club
- Judy Dettencourt Award: Brandie Dumais
- Belchertown School Class Display: Teresa Adam, Lee Harder, Tiffany Hoar, Kathryn King, Robin Murphy

Also occurring were two favorite events with record audiences: horse and oxen pulls.

Oxen Pulls

2400 and Under

- 1st-Mike Audet with Rock and Jack
- 2nd-Tim Kicza with Pete and Chet
- 3rd-Noah Lewis with Cougar and Jessie

2800 and Under

- 1st-Mike Audet with Tiger and Tator
- 2nd-Noah Lewis with Hammer and Swiss
- 3rd-Todd Clark with Pete and Doug

3200 and Under

- 1st-Mike Audet with Willie and Turbo
- 2nd-Todd Clark with Tim and Tom
- 3rd-Kelly Moulton with Rock and Charlie

Free for All Class—Over 3200

- 1st-Mike Audet with Mic and Ted
- 2nd-Todd Clark with Rick and Maverick
- 3rd-Noah Lewis with Ben and Wiley

Youth Teamster Class-Skills demonstrated by Kenny Moulton Jr.

Horse Pulls

3300 and Under

- 1st-Mark Powling with King and Tex
- 2nd-Bradley Hulbert with Morris and Spudsy
- 3rd-Koloski and Morgan with Bubba J and Rex

3300 and Over

- 1st-Charlie Chickering with Cap and Louie
- 2nd-Charlie Chickering with Ben and Lil Louie
- 3rd-Hurlburt and Brown with Jesse and Bodie

The Poultry Show winners were:

Youth

Champion Standard:	Lana Krol
Champion Bantam:	Chloe Macaluso
Champion Waterfowl:	Owen Kospiewski
Reserve Standard:	Thomas Scalera
Reserve Bantam:	Lana Krol
Reserve Waterfowl:	Owen Kospiewski

Adult

Champion Bantam:	Glenn Jameson
Reserve Bantam:	Glenn Jameson

Best Waterfowl:

Tamara Gehrung

Showmanship

Cloverbud 1st:	Claudia Macaluso
Junior 1st:	Jenarose Zawalski
Senior 1 st :	Zackery Zawalski
Special Needs:	Anna Jameson

Overall Show Champions Youth and Adult

Chloe Macaluso – Belchian D’Anvers hen
Lana Krol – Silky hen

The Rabbit Show Winners were...

Junior Showmanship

- 1st-Tom Applegate
- 2nd-Julianna Applegate
- 3rd-Laurel Lamourex
- 4th-Alyssa Willton

Senior Showmanship

- 1st-Tate Mason
- 2nd-Stephanie Thrasher

Novice Showmanship

- 1st-Elizabeth Scalera
- 2nd-Lunamarie Lee

Cloverbud Showmanship

- 1st-Loralie Backus
- 2nd-Jamison Backus
- 3rd-Bow Gregory Lee

Countless hours are spent planning the parade and fair. The Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire Departments, EMS, Department of Public Works, Town Hall and the Town Hall Administration Staff for all of their help. Thank you to all of our volunteers and sponsors; their help is never forgotten. Most of all I want to thank the Fair Committee members for all that they do; without this group, the fair would not exist.

Looking forward to next year!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nute, Chairman
Belchertown Fair and Parade Committee

Belchertown Family Center

The Belchertown Family Center is located at 51 State Street and is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The BFC is a community service that is funded by Collaborative for Educational Services, Massachusetts Walk for Children, the Town of Belchertown, as well as with community and member donations.

The Center is a resource for families with children ages infant to five years old and is committed to providing the community with early childhood enrichment in a safe environment that allows children to develop socially, emotionally, developmentally and physically through enrichment activities and play. The

Belchertown Family Center supports teaching and modeling appropriate parenting skills and offers resources for developmental skills and community outreach services, such as Valley Families and WIC. We offer playgroups, where children can work on gross and fine motor skills. In addition, we foster pretend play, arts and crafts projects, music activities and pre math and pre reading activities that are research based. We also provide caregivers with opportunities to meet and socialize with other families, creating dialog and networking to strengthen community.

For more information, please contact the Director, Lori Allen, at 413-835-5201.

Belchertown Fire – Rescue Department

The Belchertown Fire – Rescue Department is a combination of the Town's fire and emergency medical ambulance service. The Department provided another busy and proactive year of fire protection and environmental conservation to our community, along with our high quality Emergency Medical Services.

We continue to provide 7/24-hour Advanced Life Support care to the residents of Belchertown and our neighbors along with our advanced firefighting skills and training. The members continue countless hours of State-mandated and bi-weekly training to provide the best services capable. Our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary goal. This is accomplished through the efforts of 15 full-time staff, three part-time and 40 call/volunteer firefighters, in addition to the continued support we receive from the great businesses and citizens of Belchertown.

Each year brings challenges with funding as our community grows and takes change; however, town meeting continues to support our requests to maintain the level of the service we provide. The department commits to the best Fire Protection and Pre-Hospital Paramedic level care possible to the members of our community.

Overall our response to fire related 911 calls was equal to last year, continuing to average a call a day; however, the requests for permits show fire prevention activities and permits are on the rise again as home sales increase and new building has begun. The ambulance responded to 1471 emergency 911 calls, a considerable increase, whereas in the past the ambulance averaged three calls a day; the call volume in 2017 is now four calls a day on average.

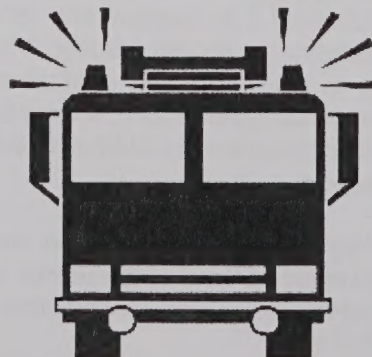
As the department continues to request funding to plan towards the near future, it is time to finish our new fire station, now 20 years old, with live in quarters that were deferred when originally built when staffed mostly in part by volunteers. Now that full-time employees are on duty around the clock, some provisions and renovations need to be conducted. Additionally, more full-time personnel will be needed to handle the demands of ambulance calls as the community once again is in development stages and funding for the full-time "Command" structure needs to be provided and implemented with modern fire practices. There is a need to replace one of the department's older fire engines, now 35 years old, and replacement of a water tanker, now 39 years of age. This equipment is vital to operations as Belchertown is not serviced with fire hydrants throughout. Planning also continues to commit and purchase an aerial device.

In closing, I would like to thank all the firefighters of the department for their continued support and dedication to serve. I would also like to thank their families for the support they have shown throughout the year. Without the family support, it would be very difficult to operate this department. The citizens of Belchertown should be proud that dedicated, qualified and professional people take an active role in serving their community.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward F. Bock, Fire Chief

Types of Responses 2017	
Structure Fires	25
Ambulance Responses	1471
Vehicle Fires	04
Vehicle Extrication	04
Wildland Fires	36
CO Alarms	22
Hazardous Spills	59
Faulty Appliance	09
Sounding Alarms	102
Investigations	67
Mutual Aid	06
Total	1805

Inspections and Permits	
Open Burning	788
Smoke Detector	285
Oil Burner	70
Propane Storage	44
Underground Tank Removal	06
Fuel Storage	00
Blasting	04
Total	1197



BOARD OF HEALTH AND QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

Board of Health Permit/ License Activity Report

The following is a list of the various permits and licenses that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2017.

Private Drinking Well Permits:	42 (35 New Construction, 7 Replacements)		
Septic Permits:	72 (38 New Construction, 34 Repairs)		
Perc Test Applications:	69 (44 New Construction, 25 Repairs, 2 cancelations)		
Bakery:	2	Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler/Furnaces	
Body Artist Establishment	1	Variance Permits:	0
Body Artist	1	Piggery License:	1
Day Camp Permit:	1	Public Pool Permit:	1
Ecology Can Permits:	1	Public Spa Permit:	0
Food Establishment Permits:	20	Residential Kitchen Permits:	6
Frozen Dessert License:	2	Retail Food Permits:	10
Funeral Director License:	1	Septic Hauler's Permits:	10
Housing Inspection Voucher	0	Septic Installer's Permits:	32
Limited Food Establishment Permits:	8	Tanning Unit Permits:	2 permits/4 units
Milk & Cream Licenses:	25	Temporary Food Permits:	25
Mobil Food Permits:	4	Tobacco Retail Permits:	11
Mobil Home License:	1	Food/Retail Review	3

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk
Quabbin Health District

2017 Communicable Disease Report

The following reportable diseases were reported to the Belchertown Board of Health Office as confirmed in 2017:

Campylobacteriosis: 2	Group B Streptococcus: 2	Influenza: 80
Hepatitis C: 7	Lyme Disease: 3	Salmonellosis: 3
Varicella (<i>Chicken Pox</i>): 2	Pertussis: 2	
Shiga Toxin Producing Organism: 1		

Both suspect and confirmed cases of certain communicable diseases are reportable to the Board of Health. The 102 cases listed above are those which have been confirmed. A computerized surveillance and case management system for use state-wide, the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network, enables secure, real-time sharing of information between diagnostic laboratories, clinicians and state and local health officials.

Ruth Amador, R.N. left her position as public health nurse in August 2017 for other employment. The position, shared with the Town of Palmer, was funded by Baystate Wing Hospital through its Community Benefit Program and had been in existence for 10 years. With her departure, Baystate Wing made the decision to cease funding the position and focus their community expenditures on other projects. While disappointed, the Board of Health will focus on filling the vacancy and finding alternative funding or cost sharing opportunities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Metcalf RS, CHO
Director of Public Health

Animal Inspector

Under the general supervision of the Board of Health, the Animal Inspector is responsible for the annual inspection of premises on which there are domestic animals.

On an annual basis, the Animal Inspector visits facilities on which there are cattle (dairy and beef), swine, goats, sheep and horses, as well as poultry, mink, foxes, donkeys, mules, deer, buffalo, llamas, ostriches and other animals which are currently being raised and/or maintained in the town. The Animal Inspector inspects the premises as to general cleanliness, light, ventilation, and water supply; and inspects the animals themselves as to general physical condition and cleanliness.

In 2017, I conducted inspections of 199 farms. The following is a census of farm animals in Belchertown based on those inspections:

Animal Count

Beef Cattle over 2 years old:	131	Horses under 1 year old:	0
Beef Cattle under 2 years old:	86	Llamas over 1 year old:	40
Breeder Pigs:	6	Llamas under 1 year old:	0
Chickens:	1404	Pigeons:	51
Dairy Cattle over 2 years old:	3	Rabbits:	98
Dairy Cattle under 2 years old:	0	Sheep over 1 year old:	55
Feeder Pigs:	28	Sheep under 1 year old:	24
Game Birds:	36	Steers:	2
Goats over 1 year old:	60	Turkeys:	11
Goats under 1 year old:	2	Water Fowl:	130
Horses over 1 year old:	405		

The Animal Inspector issues animal disease quarantines in the case of a report of disease or animal bite; and issues and distributes quarantine notices. In 2017, the following reports of bites or exposures of domestic animals to a potentially rabid or unknown cause of a wound were filed with the Belchertown Board of Health office: Dog bites: 10; Cat bites: 7; Exposure to wildlife or wound of unknown cause: 19.

1 horse, 1cat and 2 bats were tested at the State Laboratory for Rabies. All tested negative for Rabies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Flebotte
Animal Inspector

Quabbin Health District

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 26,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County.

The following table lists the major activity/services provided to each town in the District during 2017:

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
PercTest/Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	72	20	7
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	38	2	1
Septic Application Review (Repair)	35	19	7
Septic Installation Inspections and Re-Inspections	63	23	5
Well Application Review	42	N/A	1
Housing Inspections (upon complaint) and Re-Inspections	21	75	0
Lead Paint Inspections	0	1	0
Condemnations (# of units)	0	1	0
Voucher Housing Inspections	0	13	0
Housing Court Appearances	1	3	0
Food Service Inspections (routine and complaint)	85	88	3
New or Remodeled Food Plan Review	3	2	0
Mobile/Temporary Food Inspections	29	11	0
Beaver Permits Issued	4	2	0
Nuisance Complaints Received and Investigated, and Orders issued as warranted	15	38	2
Tanning Bed Licensure	2	1	0
Children Recreational Camp Inspections and Licensing	1	0	0
Tattoo/Body Art Establishments	1	1	0
Public Pool and Sauna Inspections	1	1	0
Meetings/Hearings	8	7	8

Total: Inspection Activities District-wide: 762

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. During 2017, the main agenda items discussed by the regional District Board were the 2018 budget, town assessments, and the rising cost of insurance and pension assessments. In 2017, the Board also undertook an evaluation of the Districts' compensation plan, updated job descriptions and performance evaluation process.

The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative/clerical personnel at both locations as well.

I would like to thank all members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort shown by my co-workers Stephen Bell, Health Inspector; Betty Barlow, Administrative Assistant; and Mary Grenier, Senior Clerk.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

Historic District Bylaw Commission

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, The Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The Local Historic District provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alterations within the boundaries of the District, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the District. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 200 Local Historic Districts in the Commonwealth. Although there are many significant historic properties within the Town, the Historic District Bylaw Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the center historic district.

During the past year there were several applications for proposed work within the Historic District.

A "Certificate of Non-Applicability" was issued to the following:

- 13 Maple Street – Replacement of roof with 30 year architectural grey asphalt shingle.
- 10 Maple Street – Replace existing sign with new sign.

A "Certificate of Appropriateness" was issued to the following:

- 13 Maple Street – Installation of Solar Panels on southwest side of front roof.
- 21 Maple Street – Vinyl side garage only.
- 26 South Main Street – Replace roof with like material and painting of house.
- 39 South Main Street – Remove and replaced damaged shingles to south slope of roof.
- Maple Street Road Work – The Belchertown DPW proposes improvements along the overlap of Routes 202 & 21. Proposed improvements include roadway widening with new and reconstructed sidewalks along the Route 202/21 corridor. The corridor is heavily utilized by motorists, pedestrians, school children, handicapped persons and bicyclists. The purpose of the project is to improve safety and mobility for all users.
- 18 Park Street – Replacement of handicap entrance door: Complete vinyl siding on 2 gable ends: Replacement of existing windows and aluminum storm windows with new vinyl replacement windows.

A "Certificate of Hardship" was issued for the following:

- 26 South Main Street – Stabilization of three chimneys. Repair each sufficiently for use with furnace flues. If necessary, replace bricks and matching brick and mortar color.

Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the State. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Smith, Chair
Irene Mariettos
Anna Szmyd Marques
Jonathan Spiegel
Thomas Stockton

Historical Commission

Members:

Patrick Bierly, Chairman

Jill Bierly, Clerk Judith Gillan

Alexander Loss Bruce Klockers

The past year has seen the Historical Commission working on a couple of areas of interest in preserving our town's history. First, we have continued to work on the materialization of the State School property. With other town departments joining in on trails projects, we have shifted our focus somewhat to signage and possible memorials or reflexive spaces. We also did a walk-through of the property to determine if there are any architectural features that could be saved. One feature we recommended be preserved is the stone 'garden' feature behind the old Patrick Center. We also walked through the Patrick Center but found that it had been modified to the point that the insides had little significance.

Secondly, we worked to have more community involvement. This was shown mostly through our participation in the Town Fair. We engaged the public by having old photographs of the fair printed and distributed. We plan on continuing this through an updated website as well as a social media presence in 2018.

We would also like to recognize Leslie Squires for his decades of service as a member and chair of this commission. He will be missed more than we can say.

The Historical Commission is also actively seeking potential, new commissioners to join our historical preservation efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Bierly, Chairman
Historical Commission

Belchertown Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority consists of 48 elderly/disabled apartments, 12 family housing apartments, 2 apartments managed by the

Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and a group home on East Walnut Street. The Housing Authority is managed by an Executive Director who is appointed by the elected Board of Commissioners, and is operated according to the policies of the Belchertown Housing Authority and the guidelines and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

The elderly/disabled apartments are located at 41 Everett Avenue. Each unit has a living room/kitchen combination, bedroom, and bathroom. Apartments are located on first and second floors. Onsite parking is available. The office building contains a coin operative laundry room and a community room, which has additional amenities for tenant use. Heat, electricity, and trash pick-up are included in the rent. There is onsite maintenance and a 24 hour automated answering service.

The family housing apartments are located on State Street and George Hannum Road. Each apartment has a living room, kitchen/dining room combination, bedrooms, laundry room, full bath on the second floor, and a half bath on the first floor. Off street parking is available. Trash pickup is included in the rent.

The rent for the above apartments are determined based upon your household's gross annual income. Family apartment rents are set at 27% of the household's monthly gross income while elderly and disabled apartment rents are set at 30% of the household's monthly gross income (as utilities are included).

The Authority's office is located at 41 Everett Avenue, OFC 24, Belchertown, MA 01007. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment. When the office is not open, feel free to leave a message and we will return your call.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Rogers - Executive Director
Nancy Delgado-Bachmann – Board Member
Judy O'Kulsky – Board Member
Marie Ciosek – Board Member

Information Technology (IT) Department

2017 was largely a maintenance year for the IT Department. There were some internal server upgrades, and minor infrastructure upgrades, but most of our efforts were put into keeping things running smoothly. We continued to look for efficiencies where they can be found, including placing some low-cost single-board computers for electronic display in some locations, and implementing some equipment that consumes less power.

While it is often hard to portray a lack of something as a positive, Belchertown was unaffected by the growing number of malware, phishing scams and other cyber-crime activities that are so widely reported in the news. This is a credit to both our systems and our users being aware and taking appropriate precautions.

2017 was also filled with preparation for some major systems upgrades that will be happening in 2018. We are working towards a major overhaul in our email system as well as our financials system.

Thank you,

Kevin J Hannon
IT Director

Inspection Services

The Inspection Services Department issued 39 new construction-building permits for single-family residences. This comprised 35 single family homes and four condos.

The total number of permits for the year totaled 1637. There were three business commercial permits pulled. These were for the new Assisted Living Facility, Christopher Heights on Front Street, the new Pet Valu store located at 155 North Main Street and the renovation of 145 North Main Street for the new Lucky Nails Salon.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector with Charles Lydon serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Mitch Staszko serves as primary Electrical Inspector and David Sedelow, Richard Rosazza, and Douglas Rae are serving as Assistant Electrical Inspectors.

Lakes Committee

The Belchertown Lakes Committee is responsible for the protection of the public health, environment and the general welfare of the lakes within the Town. For the year 2017, the Committee has met eight times and has been working with the Tri-Lakes Association, town departments and local residents to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed-upon goals for the Town's waterbodies. Belchertown can be very proud of our accomplishments regarding lake stewardship efforts for all lakes over the last five to 10 years. Data for the Tri-Lakes area has shown a continued increase in water quality, a decline in nutrient over-loading and nuisance vegetation.

During the season of 2017, the Belchertown Lakes Committee has been working with AER, (Aquatic Ecosystem Research) to make recommendations for long term management for all lakes. AER provides recommendations in regards to auxiliary projects that can be considered for future lake management efforts or grant acquisition. For 2017, sampling initiatives were conducted in Lake Arcadia, Lake Metacomet and Holland Pond of the Tri-Lakes System. During each sampling event, vertical profiles of temperature, dissolved oxygen, specific conductance, and pH were evaluated in each lake. Additionally, the water chemistry parameters alkalinity, ammonia, nitrate, nitrite, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, and total phosphorus were assessed at the surface and bottom of each lake during each initiative. Finally, water clarity was measured and an algal sample was taken in each lake during all sampling events. This project, working in partnership with AER and the Tri-Lakes Association, will provide a scientific determination of the water quality for all three lakes and will determine future management recommendations for 2018. The Lakes Committee is awaiting this final report.

In addition, the channel enhancement between Holland Pond and Lake Arcadia was conducted by Solitude Lake Management in early Fall to increase the water flow between both waterbodies. A hydro-rake was used to create a path through the lily species (i.e. *Brasenia schreberi* and *Nymphaea odorata*) to allow for enhanced water flow from Holland Pond to Lake Arcadia. Peat bogs were also removed from the inlet of Lake Arcadia. Due to very low water levels, the channel on the Holland Pond side was not mechanically harvested and this work will be conducted in the Spring of 2018 when the water level rises.

The Committee is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2018 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect these valuable resource areas within the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
LeeAnne Connolly, Chairman
Bonnie Strickland, Vice Chairman
Kathi Smith, Clerk
Jennica Gallagher
Cathy LeBlond

Memorial Committee

During 2017, the Memorial Committee worked through the Veterans' Agent Office to provide needed DD 214s ensuring military honors were provided at the veterans' funerals. Also, DD 214s were processed or evaluated for names to be included on the various war memorials in Town.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Memorial Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Agent

Parks, Beach and Recreation Department

We continue in our efforts to offer our community a variety of programs aimed at enriching active and leisure activities for the residents of Belchertown. Through the invaluable help of

volunteers, coaches, the dedication of our part-time staff and program instructors, we again offered several popular programs this past summer which included basketball, baseball, softball, lacrosse, tennis, field hockey, volleyball, Summer D.A.Y.S., flag football, soccer, kayaking, along with various arts and crafts programs. We continue to serve the community with our year round programs, baton twirling, yoga, tai chi and jujitsu. Some of the new programs we introduced this year included pickleball, zumba, golf, wrestling, self-defense, youth police academy and an adult softball league. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal.

We welcomed back many familiar faces along with new patrons this past summer to the Town Beach. An evening of relaxing on the beach while watching a movie was a fun, family night for the community. We also continue our work in our efforts to improve the beach area.

With the support of our loyal patrons we are able to continue to offer the following programs at our community indoor pool: Stingray's Swim Team, American Red Cross Learn to Swim Classes, group experiences and private lessons, morning water exercise classes, lap swimming and family swim. New programs offered include mommy/daddy & me and adult evening water aerobics. Private rentals of the pool continue to be very popular with most every Saturday and Sunday booked throughout the year.

The Belchertown Recreation Center continues to offer space for our programming such as sing-it-loud, safe sitter, cupcake creations, CPR, adult programming, various art classes and glow in the dark volleyball. The Center is popular as a place to rent for children's birthday parties, events or meetings.

As always we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many area businesses that generously donate to our many causes time after time and welcome new sponsors to our family. We greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Department of Public Works, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose

commitment to the residents of the Town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

To learn more about what we offer and to register for programs check out our online system at www.belchertownrec.com.

Planning Board

In 2017, the Planning Board continued projects from last year, initiated and pursued several new zoning and planning projects, supported the work of other boards and committees, and continued to monitor current private development projects.

The Planning Department continued working with MassDevelopment, the Belchertown EDIC, and town departments to improve the appearance and accessibility of the area between Lake Wallace and the former state school campus, now known as Carriage Grove. With two grants obtained from the State's Mass in Motion program, we hired the Conway School of Landscape Design and subsequently TKDesignLab to prepare conceptual plans for a trail system. The initial trail would link the schools to Foley Field along the east edge of Lake Wallace. It would be fully accessible and provide a place for residents of the Christopher Heights assisted living to be outdoors, education opportunities for the schools to study ecology, and a spot for recreation and relaxation.

Belchertown was awarded a grant of \$15,000 under the Governor's new Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program. According to Governor Baker's award letter, this is "...to complete a community resiliency planning process that will exam the Town's vulnerability and strengths and identify priority actions to build resilience as the climate changes." This work will be done in 2018 with town departments and the public working with our consultant.

The Planning Board looks for every planning effort to be a community project. Community contributions and insights are what result in plans that work for us because they are from us. Cooperation and positive spirit can bring good results.

Development Activity: Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Thirty-two new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. There were numerous other ANR plans submitted that simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

<u>Street</u>	<u># New Lots</u>
South Washington Street	8
Bardwell Street	6
Alden Avenue	3
Boardman Street	2
Michael Sears Road	2
North Washington Street	2
Sabin Street	2
Shea Avenue	2
Amherst Road	1
Chadbourne Road	1
Franklin Street	1
Keith Avenue	1
<u>Old Amherst Road</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Lots	32

The Planning Board monitored 11 subdivisions under construction during 2017. This includes inspections, processing performance guarantee changes, meeting with developers to discuss how to assist them in completing their work, and communicating with residents of the subdivisions.

The definitive plan for Woodland Lane subdivision off Bardwell Street was approved.

The Planning Board is also actively seeking to close out existing subdivisions that have lingered. The Board works with developers to create a work plan and seeks to help the developers fulfill their obligations to complete the projects.

Other Development Reviews: The Planning Board approved site plans for new construction of Superior Floors on Ware Road, and Pride Stores at Turkey Hill Road and State Street. Site plans for expansions of Don's Auto on Sargent Street, Westover Auto Salvage on Harris Way, and BTown Motors on State Street were approved, as was an amendment to the approved site plan for Christopher Heights. At the end of the year, we are reviewing plans for expansion of the Sunoco station on Federal Street.

Planning Projects and Recommendations: The Planning Board makes recommendations to town meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw. Sometimes the Planning Board proposes a change, in other cases, other parties request a change to the zoning bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Board of Selectmen, and for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

In 2017 the Planning Board proposed revisions to some of the zoning bylaws, which were adopted by town meeting. The board also heard three zone change requests, two of which were approved by town meeting and the other has not yet gone to town meeting.

Other Work of the Planning Department: The Planning Board's web page is maintained by the Planning Department. This site has the subdivision regulations, forms, other documents, and some useful planning-related links. We also oversee the town's Geographic Information System, including working with the vendors for the site available to the public on the web site.

Continuous activities of the Planning Office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning bylaw and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not

Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the Selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The Board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The Planning Department provided assistance and advice to the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation and to MassDevelopment on the state school redevelopment.

The Town Planner manages the Planning Office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning department, state agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues. The Planning Board continued involvement with the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce to support small business development. The Town Planner represents Belchertown on both the Chamber's Economic Development Committee, and the CDC's Regional Transportation Committee. The Town Planner also is on the Board of the Valley Development Council, the executive committee of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and the Pioneer Valley Regional Housing Committee.

Board Membership: The Planning Board membership in 2017 was as follows:

- James Natle, Clerk, Community Preservation Committee liaison (term expires: 2019);
- Michael Hofler, Chair (term expires: 2020);
- Daniel Beaudette, Vice Chair, single signature authority (term expires: 2021);
- Sierra Pelletier, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2022);
- Mark Spiro, (term expires: 2018)
- Eric Wojtowicz, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits (Appointed annually);

The Planning Board and Town Planner are grateful for the service of both Christopher Laurenzo, who served as chair for three years, and Donna Lusignan, who committed great energy, time and care and is the embodiment of civic spirit. Both served Belchertown in exemplary ways. We are better for having them with us.

Staff

- Lynn Sikes is the Planning Board Secretary.

- Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and Alternate Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,

Douglas Albertson
Town Planner

Police Department

The past year was a very exciting one in many ways. The Department experienced several major changes that have improved our ability to provide prompt and quality service to the community.

The Police Department and the Communications Center were very successful in securing grant funding, with a total of \$323,495 awarded in 2017. We received a \$242,537 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. This significant funding now enables the Department to partner with agencies to provide advocacy to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and elder abuse. The grant also funds training for all department officers and dispatchers in utilizing best practices when receiving and investigating these types of crimes. An additional \$10,000 was received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to address traffic safety issues including, speeding vehicles, child passenger and seat belt violations, texting while driving, and operating under the influence of drugs and alcohol. The State 911 Department awarded us \$63,338 which was used to pay for mandatory and specialized training of dispatchers; and the scheduling of a second dispatcher to assist during peak hours of activity. The Federal Bureau of Justice provided \$7,620 to purchase new ballistic protective vests for officers.

The Department has completed comprehensive school safety and response plans for all Belchertown Schools and have conducted several lockdown drills. The move towards receiving state accreditation for the Police Department continues to make progress, as all department policies and procedures have been reviewed and revised to conform to best known practices. We continue to participate in several partnerships involving social service, law enforcement, and community organizations, in order to ensure offender accountability and resident safety. A new effort launched this past year is the Police Department's involvement in the area Opioid Overdose Response Team. This initiative will allow specially trained Belchertown Police Officers to reach-out to people who overdose and to their families in order to provide them with information, resources and support necessary to begin recovery.

Community-oriented policing initiatives expanded this year, including the debut of our first-ever Summer Youth Police Academy. This program brought 15 young people from Belchertown together with town police officers for one week where they learned about the operations of the Police Department and careers in law enforcement. Collaboration with the Council on Aging and Senior Center remained strong, with several events such as the monthly police-senior informational luncheons, TRIAD meetings, blood drive, and a new project which provided winter sand for home-bound seniors. Other community policing events included numerous K-9 activities and demonstrations, the annual toy drive, drug take back events, Citizen's Police Academy, RAD, and Coffee with a Cop sessions.

Personnel changes during the year included the promotion of Sergeant Kevin Pacunas to the rank of Lieutenant, and Officer Michael Beaupre to the rank of Sergeant. Officer Andrew Letendre successfully completed the MPTC full time Police Academy and is the Town's newest full-time officer. Auxiliary Officer Marissa Smith was appointed a part-time police officer. Dispatcher Jean Flores retired after 28 years of

service to the Town. Andrew Ronnau and Lauren Bock were appointed full-time dispatchers, and Elaine Guan was appointed a part-time dispatcher.

In 2017, the Police Department responded to 16,569 calls for service, representing an increase of 4% from the previous year. There were 423 people arrested or summoned to court on criminal offenses, a 76% increase from the 240 the previous year. This increase was the result of targeted and directed patrols in problem areas of town. Officers completed 685 incident reports, a decrease of 6% from last year. There were 289 motor vehicle crashes investigated, an increase of 15% from last year, and a 9% increase in traffic citations, with 1,804 issued.

The following lists the number of incidents investigated, and/or criminal charges brought:

Abuse Prevention Order Violation	28	Intimidation	13
Animal Cruelty	1	Juvenile Issues	8
Assault /Assault & Battery	21	K-9 Deployments	63
Aggravated Assault	27	Larceny of Property	105
Assist Fire/EMS	37	Liquor Law Violations	22
Burglary/ Breaking & Entering	45	Medical/Mental	37
Child Pornography	7	Missing Persons	13
Counterfeiting/Forgery	15	Moor Vehicle Theft	5
Destruction of Property	52	Negligent Vehicle Operation	20
Disorderly Conduct	10	Robbery	3
Disturbance	55	Sexual Assault	3
Drug Offenses	18	Sexual Assault/Rape Child	8
Domestic Assault & Battery	16	Sudden Death	23
DUI Drugs/Alcohol	17	Trespassing	162
Gun Law Violations	5	Warrant Arrests	25
Identity Theft/Impersonation	7		

The Police Department and Communications Center would like to thank the other town departments and members of the public for the tremendous amount of support and cooperation shown during this past year.

Respectfully,

Christopher G. Pronovost
Chief of Police

Department of Public Works

In comparison to prior years the Northeast experienced colder temperatures and heavier precipitation in Year 2017. January and February presented several “nuisance storms” dawned because of their intermittent and antagonistic timing that utilized the equivalent amount of deicing product as compared to a one-time Nor’easter. Massachusetts blizzard-storm “Stella” made her appearance on March 14 dumping 17” of snow accompanied by 50 mph winds and freezing temperatures that crippled our region. Gov. Charles Baker declared a State of Emergency which kept all unnecessary vehicles off the roads making way for our crews and private contractors to conduct plowing procedures for nearly 15 hours straight in an attempt to keep up with the heavy snowfall and drifting which was no easy task. Just as we began making preparations for oncoming phases of seasonal work we encountered back to back snow storms on March 31 and April Fool’s Day! Snow calculations for 2017 totaled 73” produced by 25 snow events far surpassing year 2016 snowfall amount of 28.5” produced from 15 snow events. As with every year, we are thankful to our entire crew and private contractors who are to be commended for their plowing skills, endurance and tolerance of the harsh winter season.

With winter finally in our rearview mirror we began tackling the long list of work which seems to be growing at a faster pace than what our current available manpower and budget can endure. This report will attempt to outline just some of the additional town projects we performed.

ROADWAYS & RECONSTRUCTION: In April of 2017, MassDOT and Ludlow Construction picked up where they left off after winter solstice regarding the Route 181 Reconstruction and Roadway Project. The project was completed on June 28, 2017, with final inspection on August 3, 2017. The final cost of the project was \$8,930,640.25. Included as part of the project were minor sight distance improvements, bicycle accommodation improvements, sidewalk reconstruction, roadway drainage improvements, guardrails, and the installation of pavement markings and signage. The success of this 5.65 mile project was attributed to a team of dedicated leaders (Todd Moylan, MassDOT onsite Engineer; Joseph Pio from Ludlow Construction; Brian Brosnan, VHB, Inc. Design Engineer; and, Steve Williams, Director, DPW) who contributed countless hours of hands-on assistance towards the successful completion of this year-long project.

Main & Maple Street: With no rest in between, we began the Main & Maple Street Roadway project for the reconstruction of one of the Town's heaviest traveled corridors and which is currently at 25% MassDOT preliminary approval and progressing. This project entails the installation of two new intersection street lights, curbing, sidewalks and crosswalk line striping/painting for the congested area located in the southerly area of town by the Police Station and School area. The project's estimated cost is approximately \$4 million dollars.

Front Street: (aka: State School Property): Additionally, the bid for paving and associated work located on Front Street opened on August 2, 2017, and was awarded to H. M. Nunes Construction in the amount of \$927,165. This work will provide the Town the ability to move forward with the future design plans for the buildout of this property clearing the way for future developers and/or potential business.

GREEN COMMUNITIES: The Department of Public Works has now completed its eighth year of reporting since Green Communities designation in May, 2010. Our Annual Green Community Report was submitted on December 8, 201, to MassDOER consisting of monthly statistical data that culminates into a lengthy annual report in order for Belchertown to successfully maintain its Green Community status.

GREEN COMMUNITY COMPETITIVE GRANT: In addition to the annual reporting as stated above, this year the DPW submitted its second Green Communities Competitive Grant application on March 1, 2017. On June 19th, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito presented grant awards to 72 of the 185 participants in the program to which the Belchertown DPW was awarded \$195,358 for LED Lighting Conversion which replaced 377 lighting fixtures and their components to 14 town owned buildings. Work began in late August led by Energy Source, LLC. and completed on November 30, 2017. The advantages of this project



will result in a 54% annual reduction in energy savings which equates into an estimated savings of approximately \$25,000 annually. To date, this department has received approximately \$407,613 in Green Communities Grant funding for Belchertown.

Other Grants:

Parsons Field Stone Wall Rehabilitation Grant - CPA: For the rehabilitation of Parsons Field & Stonewall located on Jabish Street in the amount of \$310,000. Status: Completed November, 2017.

Tower Clock Restoration Grant – CPA: For the restoration of the Town's Turret & Marine Clock in the steeple of the Congregational Church in the amount of \$48,000. Status: Completed September, 2017.

MASSWORKS 604b Grant: For assistance to aid with unfunded costs incurred as a result of the newly regulated EPA storm water program in the amount of \$50,000. Status: Ongoing.

EARTH DAY: The Department celebrated its annual Earth Day event on Friday, April 22, 2017, by offering town recyclable orange trash bags for residents wishing to partake in the collection of roadside trash. A total of 210 small trash bags were given out to 11 participants including St Francis Pack 507 Cub Scouts who picked up litter during their hike around Lake Wallace. The Department wishes to thank all residents who participated in this year's Earth Day event and appreciates your efforts towards keeping Belchertown clean.

FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECTS: (Bids in 2017)

Name of Forest Cutting Project (FCP)	Start Date	Awarded Vendor	Project Cost/Acreage	Completed
Hamilton Street	Feb. 2017	Anderson Timber Harvesting Co.	\$27,799.61/50 acres	April 17, 2017
Constantino Lot	Spring, 2018	Anderson Timber Harvesting Co.	\$23,220./50 acres	TBD 2018
Jabish Brook South Lot	Spring, 2018	Anderson Timber Harvesting Co.	\$16, 533.65./40 acres	TBD 2018

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY: The DPW, working in conjunction with hazmat team Clean Harbors, conducted a Hazardous Waste Day Collection Event on Saturday, September 16, 2017, from 9am-12noon at the DPW Highway Garage location. This was a reciprocal event amongst 10 neighboring cities/towns that allowed anyone to attend the event. Service to dispose of hazardous materials was provided in a variety of combined pounds/gallons and at separate fees for attendees who retained a Transfer Station Permit. The event was a success which welcomed 74 vehicles (67- Belchertown, 2-South Hadley, 3-Granby, 1-Ware, 1-West Springfield) who dispersed 31 full carloads at 25lbs/25gals, 23 half-carloads at 10lbs/10gals and 20 quarter loads at 3 lbs/3gals. We commend those residents for keeping a safe and green community through proper disposal methods.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: Annually, the Department continues to review all Stormwater Management applications thus completing 33 applications in 2017. DPW Annual Stormwater Compliance Training was held on April 4th led by Jennifer Cavanaugh, project engineer from Fuss & O'Neil. Additionally, this year the Department was tasked with proposing a new town bylaw entitled, "The Illicit Connections and Discharges to the Municipal Storm Drainage System" (aka: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Bylaw). The bylaw is aimed to protect Belchertown's water bodies, wetlands and groundwater, to safeguard the public health, safety, environmental welfare, and to comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to storm water discharges. A public hearing was held on April 26th followed by Annual Town Meeting held on May 8, 2017, whereas Belchertown residents voted unanimously to adopt this new bylaw. Though adopted, a statewide "one-year stay" on the implementation of this IDDE Program was incurred.

SAFETY: Our Safety Committee was active this past year as well. They organized departmental training in several topics including: Work Zone/Traffic Safety, CPR, Confined Space, Lockout/Tag out, Fall Protection, and OSHA 10. They also completed a walk-through of the DPW buildings to insure safe work practices and improvements were being implemented.

2017 SURPLUSED ~ SALVAGED VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT:

- 2007 Ford Crown Victoria-Sedan
- 2000 Ford Crown Victoria
- 1998 Road Side Message Board/Wanco Mobile Trailer
- 1980 John Deere Tractor/Mower, Hours 5,108

HIGHWAY DIVISION: This division tackled many areas of work to include reparations to our roads, potholes, roadside maintenance, culvert pipe replacement and several drainage issues, not to mention repairs and/or replacement of 41 residential mailboxes that suffered winter damage. In addition, crack sealing, clearing of brush and vegetation from the roadsides, removing debris and sediment from detention basins, catch basin cleaning, street sweeping, sign installation, line painting and repairing equipment kept everyone on the move.

Our roads remained well-traveled and maintained during all seasons of year 2017. During the 2016-2017 snow season our average expenditure per inch of snow removed from the roadways was \$4,212.55 approximately - 27% lower than the 2015-2016 season (FY'16/\$5781.03). The total cost for the season was \$307,515.99.

The Division was responsible for the preparations for all resurfacing/reclamation/overlay projects with bituminous concrete overlay and lane markings. The following streets received this much needed work in 2017:

Street	Length/Width	Cost
Ledgewood Cir.	3400/21	\$ 35,303.19
Ledgewood Dr.	2635/22	\$ 28,662.45
Forest Road	2350/21	\$ 24,399.35
Allen St.	6318/21	\$ 5,527.50
Sabin St.	6940/19	\$135,319.20
Summit St.	4580/21	\$117,908.80
Brandywine Dr.	1080/26	\$ 14,649.10
N. Liberty St.	1530/23	\$ 18,659.50
Canal Dr.	1580/24.5	\$ 20,107.70
Bunker Way	655/24.5	\$ 8,355.00
Cedar Glen	1340/27	\$ 18,826.60
Blossom Ln.	540/26	\$ 7,296.70
	32,948ft.	\$435,015.09

Crack Sealing	Length/Width	Cost
Eskett St.	2423/20	\$ 5,778.00
S. liberty St.	5342/23.5	\$ 7,938.00
Hamilton St.	2033/22	\$ 5,724.00
South St.	7922/22.5	\$ 4,563.00
S. Main St.	820/26	\$ 2,511.00
N. Washington St.	1450/24	\$ 6,210.00
Cold Spring Rd.	7915/21	\$ 5,616.00
	27,905ft.	\$38,340.00

Totals: 17 Streets, 60,853.ft. Cost: \$473,355.09 = 11.5 miles

PUBLIC WAY ACQUISITIONS/EASEMENTS: At Annual Town Meeting held on May 8, 2017, Belchertown residents voted to accept Sheffield Estates Subdivision (Sheffield Drive, Lexington Drive, Waterford Drive and Spring Hill Road), as a town public way. The addition of these roadways will be added to the Town's street inventory list which contributes to the amount of Chapter 90 reimbursement funds for the Town. The Department also acquired all roadway and drainage easements associated with Sheffield Estates via Eminent Domain which will allow full access to easements within the subdivision whenever necessary.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: This year, Belchertown's Wastewater Treatment Plant was one of three facilities in Massachusetts that were recognized by the DEP for excellence in Operations and Maintenance. This award could not have been achieved without the overall efforts from all of the facility staff and their willingness to regard this facility as their own.



This past year the Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated approximately 121,990,000 gallons of wastewater; greater than in 2016 which was 112,130,000 gallons. They also acquired 26 new service connections; five were from within the Tri-Lakes Sewer System and 21 were in the Central Sewer System. This 11 year record brings the total number of customers served to 1759 equivalent dwelling units; two more connections than last year's total.

The WWTP Staff also kept busy working on some facility operations and improvements to include treatment chemical trials, which progressed to chemical pump and storage upgrades. Other maintenance activities completed to name a few were the Sequential Batch Reactor's (SBR's) diffuser cleaning, an emergency transfer switch replacement, and facility lighting and safety upgrades.

The Division also started a Massachusetts DEP required Inflow and Infiltration Study (I & I), which was initiated to assess the conditions of all sewerage collections systems. This study included collecting sewerage flow data from several segments of the collection system, system mapping, inspections and rain fall measurements.

Other sewerage collection system work completed during 2017 included visual inspections of trouble areas, video inspections, and a cleaning of approximately 8000 feet of collection system. Also completed, was the removal of roots and protruding service taps on 6900 feet of Central sewer lines. In addition to sewer line maintenance, sewerage pumping station corrective maintenance such as lighting upgrades and piping improvements to aid in maintenance and emergency bypass pumping, was also conducted.

TRANSFER STATION: All aspects of the town’s waste disposal activities are monitored and in adherence to the Transfer Station Rules & Regulations. Violators consisting of non-permitted users and/or failure to use the Town’s orange recyclable trash bags are identified and promptly notified. The Annual Transfer Station Rules & Regulations can be found on the DPW/Town website by accessing the DPW link/page on www.belchertown.org.

Our residential number of household Transfer Station users totaled 1732 (FY17). Participation varies slightly from year to year for those who desire to use our disposal/recycling program. The following quantities of solid waste and recyclables were generated during year 2017:

<i>Recyclable</i>	<i>Per Unit(s)</i>	<i>Year -- 2016</i>	<i>Year -- 2017</i>
Paper & Cardboard (co-mingled)	Tons	646.23	576.41
Waste Oil (gals)	Single	1900	1750
Tires (single)	Tons	510s/4.39t	438s/3.91t
Solid Waste (tons)	Tons	728.9	354.71 + 573.75 - Total: 928.46
Electronics (tons)	Tons	18.67	14.55
Scrap Steel (tons)	Tons	72.01	92.1
Textile (tons)	Tons	3.68	3.33
Hazardous Material (NEDT)	Pounds	522lbs.	1106

In addition, the Department was able to maintain pricing since FY09 for Transfer Station Permit Stickers currently set at \$100.00 annually and discounted for senior citizens age 65+ at \$80.00. Bag fees remained steady at \$20.00 for large (10 per bundle) and \$13.00 for small bags (10 per bundle). Bags may be purchased at a variety of in-town stores, DPW, Finnerty House and at the Transfer Station for resident convenience.

Mass DEP GRANT: The Department applied for and received a grant for \$3500 from the MassDEP “Recycling Dividends Program” in which payments are provided to municipalities who maximize reuse, recycling and waste reduction. In addition and as part of the MassDEP Grant the Towns “Buy Recycled Policy” remains in effect for all municipal offices to ensure all purchasing of paper products contain a minimum of 30% recyclable content, whenever practicable. This policy is designed to minimize waste, preserve the environment and promote recycling.

CEMETERY DIVISION: In 2017, the Department conducted a total of 23 burials consisting of 11 earthen burials and 12 cremations. In addition, 16 Deeds were issued and two lots were transferred back to the Town for re-sale. Other routine activities included archiving burials, issuing deeds, lot sales, mapping, grounds maintenance, lot layouts, snow staking and pinning of cemetery burial rows, and headstone repair. The Cemetery Division archives all deceased and houses Burial Certificates in fire-proof file cabinets for long-term preservation. Other aspects include aiding genealogical researchers and processing of military markers sent from the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure those who died in service are properly recognized as well as receiving and processing burial flat markers to their proper onsite cemetery destinations.

BUILDINGS GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE: Duties included caring for all town buildings, 200+ acres of grounds/open space including recreational and school fields, conservation trails, nine cemeteries, athletic fields and town properties. Most of their time was spent performing routine maintenance activities including snow removal, painting, equipment repair, mowing, field preparations, leaf raking and the installation of seasonal decorations. They also completed an impressive list of time consuming projects that required the proper training and knowledge to perform and all projects enlisted meet the most current energy reduction guidelines, as shown below:

- Managed LED Lighting Conversion Project from Green Communities Competitive Grant for 14 town owned buildings; replacing 377 lighting components.
- Replaced all ceilings at new Family Center and repaired bathroom walls.
- Demolished four dug outs at Chestnut Hill School and Rebuilt new ones to replace.
- Repaired fence and grounds at new Family Center.
- Assisted with the annual setup and removal of the Belchertown Fair components
- Inside demolition of the Belchertown Day School
- Conducted annual repairs to the Town Common which consisted of grading, loaming, and seeding to re-establish the turf.
- Repaired baseball fields at High School
- Conducted the seeding and fertilization of all Recreation and School fields.
- Removed over growth on Chestnut Hill Schools track and spread new material.
- Annual maintenance and mowing of town owned buildings and cemeteries.
- Maintained and reported on all 48 retention ponds throughout town ways.
- Demolished and rebuilt storage shed at DPW.

This Division also assisted with town wide annual roadside mowing and brush cutting activities. Nearly all of the roads were mowed and approximately two miles of roadsides were cleared of excess brush to increase sight distance and to provide space for snow storage.

TREE AND VEGETATION CONTROL: As with every year, the Town's Tree Warden attends the Massachusetts Tree Warden & Foresters Association Annual Conference in order to receive recertification and accreditation to conduct work in the field. In year 2017, the Tree Warden supervised the removal of 54 trees consisting of the following varieties: 7 oak, 1 ash, 2 pine, 36 maples, 1 hemlock, 3 birch and 3 locus and 1 hickory. All of these trees were damaged or deceased publicly owned street trees ranging in size from eight inches to four feet in diameter. In addition, numerous on-site visits were conducted in order to determine various reports of tree damage caused by weather damage, rot, or infestation.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: In closing, the Department of Public Works is proud of its many accomplishments due to its highly motivated and dedicated employee teamwork throughout all divisions; Highway, Maintenance and Wastewater. I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to each of our employees listed below, for another successful year and I look forward to continued success in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams, Director of Public Works

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| - Dylan Bachand, Highway Labor/Heavy Equipment Operator I | - Christopher Laurenzo, Highway Division Supervisor |
| - Lawrence Belbin, Maintenance Laborer | - Donna Lusignan, Administrative Assistant |
| - Heather Blanchard, WWTP Operator I | - Sean Madden, Maintenance Laborer |
| - Max Bock, Public Buildings & Grounds Supervisor | - David Martel, Highway Mechanic/Truck Driver |
| - Darin Braese, Heavy Equipment Operator II | - Joshua Miller, Transfer Station Laborer |
| - Ed Burton, Highway Working Foreman | - John Panzetti, Heavy Equipment Operator I |
| - Terry Chevalier, Highway Laborer | - Leo Peet, Heavy Equipment Operator I |
| - David Clegg, Buildings & Grounds Foreman | - Ronald Ritter, Heavy Equipment Operator I |
| - Steven Cole, WWTP Operator I | - Stephen Sikes, Highway Mechanic/Truck Driver |
| - Melissa Cook, Maintenance Laborer | - Scot Swistak, Heavy Equipment Operator II |
| - Rollin Dewitt, WWTP Operations Supervisor | - Samantha Taylor, Building Custodian |
| - Elmer Dodge, Transfer Station Supervisor | - David Wanczyk, WWTP Operator II |
| - Jonathan Grossman, DPW Laborer | - Jaime Williams, WWTP Laborer |
| - Jeffrey Grossman, Maintenance Laborer | |
| - Anthony Hurtado, Transfer Station/WWTP Laborer | <u>Seasonal/Part-time Employees</u> |
| - Karl Jensen, Building Custodian | - Nicholas Leduc, Maintenance Division |
| - Christopher Johnson, Maintenance Worker | - Cody Salyers, Maintenance Division |
| - Brendan Kennedy, Heavy Equipment Operator I | - Jackson Leduc, Maintenance Division |
| - Frederick Kirchner, Maintenance Laborer | - Brandon Gonzalez, Seasonal Laborer/Maintenance Division |
| - Denis Lessard, Heavy Equipment Operator II | - Timothy Pelletier, Seasonal Laborer/Highway Div. |

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee awards scholarships annually, when there are available funds, to Belchertown graduating individuals which include Pathfinder Regional School and Home-schooled students, in pursuit of higher education and for the purpose of providing financial aid towards the costs of college tuition, books, fees, etc. In 2017, the newly formed Scholarship Committee made great strides towards rebuilding the scholarship fund, provided much needed community awareness and implemented new avenues for contributors wishing to support the fund's growth.

The existing scholarship fund balance as of December 2016 was \$624.96 and near depletion. The Committee made the decision to defer awarding scholarships in May 2017, and focused its efforts towards raising the fund balance, which proves difficult as a non-profit committee. As of the end of December 2017, our ending balance was \$3615.12 which proves our commitment and dedication have paid off, but with much work still to do.

The Committee's efforts began by addressing the need to provide awareness within the community of its purpose. Informational exhibits were displayed in the BHS lobby on Senior Awards night in May as well as the Old Town Hall Exhibit during Belchertown Fair Weekend in September. Pamphlets and donation materials were available for anyone wishing to learn more about the Committee and/or make a contribution towards the fund. Simultaneously, we focused on revising the antiquated student scholarship application and its criteria requirements, implemented a new Scholarship Committee town website and created a new online web portal now located on the BHS website for students to upload their applications with ease and in an effort to go paperless. In addition, the Committee provided many new avenues for contributors who wish to make donations. With the aid of the Town's Treasurer Collector we were able to have informational flyers inserted into the Town's quarterly tax bill mailings which proved successful as shown by the growth of the account in such a short period of time.

The Scholarship Committee depends on the generosity of the citizens and businesses of Belchertown via contributions which can be sent to the Belchertown Scholarship Fund c/o: The Town of Belchertown's Treasurer Collector's Office or by adding any amount to their quarterly tax bill payment. In addition, contributors may now access a new web link located on the tax bill for those wishing to make an online donation or simply provide a check in person to the Treasurer Collector's Office located within the Lawrence Memorial Hall.

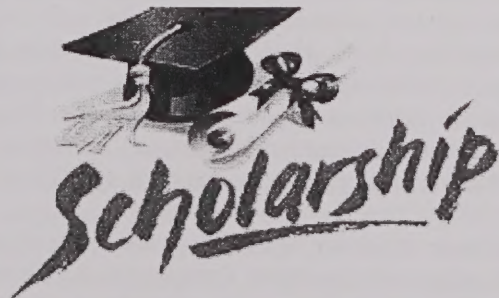
In closing, we are proud of the work we have accomplished in such a short period of time and will continue our momentum with your support towards helping our students of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lusignan, At- Large Member, Chairman
Scholarship Committee Fund

Members:

Michael Knapp, School Committee Rep., Vice-Chairman
Karol Coffin, Superintendent Rep., Member
Lorraine Alves, Pathfinder Regional Rep., Member
Lisa Aiken, Home School Rep., Clerk
Donna Robbins, High School Council Rep., Member
Erica Rose, At-Large Member



PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Belchertown Public School District

Superintendent of Schools: The Belchertown Public School District invites everyone to visit our updated web page at www.belchertownps.org, which features information about each individual school, the School Committee and the District. As a communication tool, several Principals and I are posting events on Twitter, which now may be viewed on the district web pages.

Keeping in mind the six CORE VALUES of *Respect, Responsibility, Relationship, Rigor, Reflection and Resilience*, 2017 produced multiple research based initiatives such as shifting our elementary schools from the old quarterly grading system to trimesters. At Swift River and Cold Spring Schools, standards based report cards were introduced which eliminated grading and provided parents/guardians with specific information on the progress of their child and indicated areas where parents may support their child. Project based learning was introduced in several Chestnut Hill School classrooms while 7th and 8th grade students at Jabish Brook Middle School brought their own chromebook or laptop to school for class work. The purchase of chromebooks for students to have online access for research and more individual learning doubled again last year due to the increased use of technology in the world. As a school district we have observed the evolution of technology in the work place, in the home, for learning, entertainment and communication. Therefore, it is critical for our students to have the ability to access learning using technology as a tool, thus increasing students' preparedness for their future endeavors. In the fall of 2017 Belchertown High school continued to prepare for their NEASC accreditation review which will occur in 2019 and appeared before the School Committee to request an increase in the number of graduation requirements for the class of 2020.

With a new Director of Buildings and Grounds and partnering with the Police Department, the District re-evaluated present safety procedures for our schools, which resulted in some changes to increase the safety of our students. Further consideration of expenditures during the budget process included the need to increase transportation fees for students in grades 7-12. We

were one of eight districts in the state selected to participate in the RADAR Pilot, a budget analysis and alignment process for establishing a school district budget. As part of the Pilot, we studied other school district budgets and analyzed comparisons with other districts in order to ensure that the education return on the community's investment provides a solid educational experience for all students.

I encourage you to read each of the following school departments' contributions to learn the greater story of the Belchertown Public Schools. As always, thank you to our families and the community for entrusting BPS with the responsibility of education the children and young adults in our Belchertown.

Student Support Services: The year started off with our English Language Learner (ELL) students participating for a fifth year in the "Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State (ACCESS)" testing. This assessment was given to students identified as ELs in Kindergarten through 12th grade to identify their English proficiency in reading, writing, thinking, and speaking. Our students worked diligently on this assessment and the data obtained has helped the district better determine the best educational approach for each of the students who participated.

The Student Support Services continues to oversee special education programs and services, English Language Learner programs, Section 504, Title I, Homelessness, and compliance of civil rights policies. Basically, the Student Support Services Department does exactly what the name suggests, in that it provides support services for our students.

Special Education programs and services are responsible for providing educational services to students who experience academic difficulty because of a disability consisting of a developmental delay, or an intellectual, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning or health impairment, or any combination of the aforementioned. Children ages three to twenty-two, who have not received a high school diploma, are eligible for special education

services. In addition to providing for the academic needs of children identified as having a disability, the program provides related services to assist students in making effective educational progress. These services consist of, but are not limited to, psychological services, counseling for school-related issues, occupational therapy, physical therapy, vision and mobility training, and speech/language therapy. Students with special needs are provided educational services in a variety of settings ranging from full inclusion in the regular classroom to out-of-district placements. The school district also provides extended school year services for special education students' preK-12 to prevent substantial loss of previously learned skills and/or substantial difficulty in relearning skills.

The Student Support Services Department welcomes Miranda Piris to the department as the new School Psychologist.

For the past year, the Student Support Service Department has been working with building principals to increase "inclusive education" for all students within the district. The district has contracted with an outside consultant to help facilitate this process. Increasing "inclusive education" may be long and challenging at times, but ultimately this transition can strengthen a school community and support and address the individual needs of each child. As such, effective models of inclusive education not only benefit students with disabilities, but also create an environment in which every student, including those who do not have disabilities, has the opportunity to flourish.

Finally, the Student Support Services Department continues to work hard to improve and increase communication with families and community members. I look forward to building and maintaining relationships with parents, community members and with the Parent Advisory Council to continue working collaboratively towards improving the best education to all students.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Cameron, Asst. Superintendent/Director
of Student Support Services

Teaching and Learning Director's Report: The primary responsibilities for the Office of Teaching and Learning include assisting administration and faculty with standards-based curriculum alignment, development, and coordination (PK-12), strengthening instructional delivery, supporting supervision and evaluation, managing student assessment, and coordinating professional development.

In this regard, I continued to facilitate the District Instructional Leadership Team (DILT) this year in an effort align our PK-12 Curriculum and Assessments. We also worked throughout the year to coordinate professional development activities that were focused, high quality, relevant to teachers' practice, connected to the school/districts' mission, and had a positive impact on student learning. We continue to develop ways to assess PD offered in the district and to try to tap into the many talented professionals that we have in our district.

The focus of our curriculum and assessment work this year has been on Science and Technology/Engineering (ST/E) and Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Two teams of PK-12 educators are working diligently to update these curriculum guides—which are expected to be completed in 2018. We are paying particular attention to the fields of engineering and computer science and continue to seek alternative sources of funding (e.g., grants, free training, and organizational partnerships).

Much of this year's Professional Development focused on Personalizing Student Learning. Educators in grades PK-12 worked collaboratively this year to develop strategies which support developing *Personal Connections* (supporting deep personal connections between students, teachers and other adults), *Personal Learning Pathways* (motivating students to reach their goals and allowing them to take ownership of their learning), *Competency-based Progression* (working within a framework of curriculum standards and high expectations), *Learner Profiles* (allowing teachers to gain detailed and timely knowledge of students and to use data to guide instruction), *Flexible Learning Environments* (maintaining high flexibility in the what, when, how, and where of learning), and *Technology* (allowing all of the above to be implemented effectively, affordably,

and at scale). These themes are also supported through building-based PD, district-offered PD opportunities, and partnerships with local colleges and collaboratives.

While my role is not evaluative (I do not directly supervise faculty), I do work with building principals on identifying the elements of high quality instruction and assessment in their classrooms. This can be done through: joint observations of teaching, calibration activities, participation in faculty/department/team meetings, analysis of student data, etc. Spending time in classrooms with students and teachers continues to be the highlight of my day.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Shawn Fortin, Director of Teaching and Learning

Director of Buildings and Grounds: The Custodial and Maintenance staff is responsible for the maintenance of five schools and two associated buildings encompassing 478,000 square feet of space. This year we said farewell to long time Director of Buildings and Grounds, Robert Lachance. Robert served the school district and the town for 40 years and held the position as Director of Buildings and Grounds for the past 20 years.

The winter of 2017 started off with several snow storms and record breaking cold temperatures that tested our buildings HVAC systems. Our staff performed daily building checks over the weekends and Holidays to ensure that there were no freeze ups and that building heating systems were operating efficiently. Projects that were completed during the year, in addition to maintaining our school buildings, included; Exterior LED lighting upgrades at Chestnut Hill school, Phone system replacements at Chestnut Hill and Cold Spring schools, Asbestos removal projects at Cold Spring and Jabish Brook schools, Water meter replacement at Cold Spring school, Roof and drain repairs at Tadgell school, Grease trap replacement at Swift River school, Lead and Copper plumbing modifications at Chestnut Hill school, Jabish Brook and Cold Spring schools, Cooling tower repairs at Chestnut Hill School and Pool locker room mixing valve replacements at the Chestnut Hill school.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and diligent efforts of our department staff who work every day to uphold the high standards of safety and cleanliness for Belchertown students and staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Lebeau, FMP
Director of Buildings and Grounds

Information Services Department Town Report: This year has seen the culmination of a long-term plan to change the nature of delivered technology services in the district. We have moved away from providing laptops and virtual desktops, and replaced them with inexpensive but popular Chromebooks and Chromeboxes.

In the past, faculty/staff computers were either Virtual Desktops or Windows laptops/desktops. This year, the Virtual Desktop system was retired, as a hardware refresh would have cost approximately \$60,000 (all six servers needed replacing). Furthermore, due to the successful launch of our Google Education Suite, faculty and staff have been requesting Chromebooks rather than laptops or virtual desktops.

The savings from this switch is significant, as licensing fees alone for the Virtual environment were over \$21,000 a year. In addition, the new faculty Chromebooks cost around \$200, which is far less expensive than the \$750 Windows laptops we formerly used.

Our annual District Technology Survey showed that Chromebooks and G Suite (Google's Apps for Education) are well-liked by faculty and students. Most secondary teachers use Google's online classroom and students use Google docs at home and in the schools.

In 2016 and 2017, the Digital Connections Partnership Schools Grant allowed the I.T. department to continue to fund major infrastructure improvements at zero cost. Half of the costs were covered by Erate and the other half of the project's bill will be returned to the Town via a grant program.

Lastly, we have completed a multiyear effort to improve classroom technology. All classrooms now have wireless access and advanced projectors,

and students now have access to economical and reliable Chromebooks on carts.

Scott Karen, Director of
Technology for Belchertown Public Schools

Food Service Department Director's Report:

The food service department provides meals for student and staff population. Approximately half of the student population participates in the school lunch program and about 15% of staff purchase lunch from the food service department. We provide free meals to students who qualify. This represents 27% of our student enrollment, which is up 3% in 2 years. All meals served in our kitchens are nut free, and we accommodate food allergies and disabilities.

Acquiring a point of sale system was a major goal of the 2016-2017 school year. The previous paper and pencil method of accounting was tedious and error prone. After collaborating with IT and thoroughly researching options, the foodservice department purchased a cloud based system, using funds from the foodservice budget. MOSAIC has improved accuracy of student accounts as well as meal counting and claiming to the state. The new system also allows parents to track student transactions in real time and prepay for meals online if they wish.

Initiating a breakfast program was the major goal of the 2017-2018 school year. Studies have shown that students who eat breakfast are more successful. The district applied to participate in the National School Breakfast Program and was accepted for reimbursement. Breakfast rollouts have been staggered, starting first with Swift River Elementary School, then Cold Spring School, then Chestnut Hill Community School. Jabish Brook Middle School and Belchertown High School will start serving breakfast before the end of the school year. The program has proved to be profitable, and about 50% of students who participate in school lunch are participating in school breakfast.

Continuing the relationship with the school garden is also a goal. Tomatoes, Kale, and Potatoes, planted, maintained, and harvested by students, were all used for student lunches this year.

We look forward to continuing to offer nutritious meals to our students and staff.

Kelly Slattery, RD, LDN
Food Service Director

Cold Spring School (CSS) Director's Report:

Cold Spring School continued to thrive during the 2017 school year providing a positive learning environment for the youngest students in the district. The enrollment of 190 students was a modest increase from the previous year. However, our students continued to receive a high quality, developmentally appropriate education in a safe learning environment. We believe in educating the "whole child" and spent renewed focus on our students' social, emotional and physical development.

The Cold Spring School Council members developed a one-year school improvement plan to correlate with the district's Strategic Plan. Both plans emphasized the importance of data collection, assessments, standard based report cards, communication with families and community members, infusion of STEM and social competencies programs. The following School Council members assisted in the creation and development of this document: Lisa Stahl, Co-Chair, Parent Representative; Louise Butler, Community Representative; Mary Dulchinos, Teacher Representative; Catherine Wesloski, Teacher Representative; and Andrea Mastalerz, Co-Chair, Administration.

Our preschool program includes three and four year olds and serves as a perfect stepping stone for kindergarten readiness. Thirteen of our preschoolers entered the kindergarten program while one hundred fifty-five of our kindergarten students were promoted to first grade housed at the Swift River Elementary School.

Cold Spring School is fortunate to have an extensive Volunteer Program, an active Foster Grandparent Program as well as a supportive PTO. All of these organizations allow us to provide enrichment activities, additional resources and materials to extend the students' overall experiences. The 2017 PTO officers that served diligently are: Allison Carey, Co-President; Vinnie Mazzaferro, Co-President; Kate Lambert, Treasurer; and Sarah Courchesne, Secretary. Due

to budget constraints, limited monies were available for classroom consumables. Two local businesses held "Back to School" supply drives to ensure students had the necessary items to begin their school year. Families were also very generous in providing requested classroom consumables. The CSS staff and faculty are grateful and appreciative for the numerous contributions that were made to our school. Through the efforts of these dedicated individuals, our youngest students were provided with an exceptional learning experience.

During the past year the faculty and staff of Cold Spring School had to say goodbye to principal, Ms. Sandra Bremer and kindergarten teacher Mary Dulchinos. We thank them for their combined 62 years of service and dedication to the Belchertown School District and wish them many years of happiness in their retirement.

Cold Spring School is proud to have been able to prepare our students with a solid foundation as they embark on their educational journey within the Belchertown Public School district.

Andrea Mastalerz
Director, Cold Spring School

Swift River Elementary School: The Swift River Elementary School had a very productive 2017 school year. Our mission is to provide a safe and developmentally appropriate learning environment that encourages and celebrates the efforts, interests, and abilities of all students. We continue to focus on increasing student achievement through improving assessment and instruction with scientifically based researched programs and embraced inclusive teaching practices to meet the needs of all students. As a school, we challenge and engage all students in a respectful, positive learning environment that fosters personal, social and academic growth in order to achieve success in a global society. The core values that drive our foundation of learning as a community of learners are six principles, they are: respect, responsibility, relationships, rigor, reflection and resilience. Currently our total enrollment for Swift River Elementary School in grades one, two and three is 470 students.

Over the course of 2017 there has been a lot of planning and restructuring to meet needs of our

students and state requirements. Every school year we review and evaluate the needs of our students and determine educational resources, programing and direct instructional needs. This task came with understanding budgetary allowances and the ability to work within guidelines to produce high impactful practices and models. Staff restructuring became necessary to give consistent delivery of instruction in regard to inclusion classrooms and equity at each grade level. The following shifts were allocated to give us maximum use of staff and direct instruction. In first grade we moved a regular education teacher into a second grade special education inclusion team to meet student need and to bring an additional inclusion team in to second grade. Secondly, we moved a third grade regular education teacher into a Reading Interventionist position to supply reading support and literacy enrichment for students performing at higher levels. Through our restructuring efforts we were able to maintain valuable services and instructional delivery designs to meet the growing demand of educational needs.

During the Spring of 2017 all staff received professional development training on the Fountas and Pinnell benchmark assessment system with the expectation to administer one assessment before the end of the school year of 2017. Using the running record system teachers were able to report instructional reading levels for every student. Assessments allow teachers to adjust their practices and design lessons to for better understanding of skill development in all students.

Our One School, One story community read program is still going strong and has allowed every student in the school to receive two children literature books each school year that will accumulate into a small library of six books throughout their tenure at Swift River Elementary. Students were introduced to 'Charlotte's Web' in the Spring followed by a Fall reading of "Stuart Little". Using a community read-aloud helps fosters the importance of reading and encourages a love for reading and a shared community conversation. All families were asked to participate and share their enthusiasm by participating in this school-wide event.

Our technology approach of the 2017 school year has been steadily growing to integrate differentiated teaching practices with real time data

to enhance instruction. Our technology in each classroom has expanded for students to research, reinforce skills and progress monitoring to evaluate the effectiveness of instructional strategies being used. Our teachers continue to attain higher levels of proficiency by integrating this technology in their lessons. The variety of technologies used in the classroom are interactive projectors, document cameras, software programs that support skill development and chromebooks for 1:1 computing.

In our inclusion classrooms we are combining all of the best models of teaching, utilizing six different models of instructional delivery. Intervention groups are designed based on Fountas & Pinnell assessments and provide the opportunity for differentiated centers that extend/reinforce reading and writing that has been taught in the classroom. We have expanded our writing to include the genre of folk tales where we explore the elements of a folk tale, brainstorm common elements/themes and have students rewrite the ending of a familiar folk tale. We have also been implementing a lot of supplementary instruction/materials into our daily math teaching so that we can cover all of the topics covered in the new curriculum map and developing appropriate assessments.

Our Arts Enrichment program is growing with excitement and began its third year this year for students in grade 2 and 3. Approximately 130 students in each grade level are participating in the program. We have been working on a supported recess program for grade 1 students to promote the development of essential social skills. The combination of the grade 1 recess program and the Enrichment Program have greatly impacted the social and emotional development of all of our students with fewer conflicts and discipline issues that are addressed by administration.

Another shining example of our school community outreach is through our music department under the direction of Mr. Geoffrey Gould. Since the start of 2017 the music program has undergone significant changes and augmentations to our class pedagogical approaches as well as our place in the community in terms of creating new opportunities for quality performance.

We have started the first student choir at SRE, with a consistency of 100 students choosing to participate each trimester. These students performed on Veterans Day and in front of our community at the first Belchertown Memorial Day Baseball game, which was created by the SRE music program. Our students also performed, "God Bless America" on the ice of the Mass Mutual Center in front of five thousand spectators to open a Springfield Thunderbirds game... Even more special, more than 700 attendants at the game were Belchertown residents. We have become a singing school, focusing deeply on inner hearing and solfege. We embrace instrumental music, ensemble and solo music and we have adopted a saying that we are, "Everything Music" which speaks to our classroom belief that we are capable and dynamic musicians ready for the next level of musicianship at CHCS.

New to our school this year starting in September is our Breakfast Program served in our cafeteria. It has become a huge success for the students at SRE. Nearly 70 students gather each morning for a nice healthy breakfast to start the day and socialize with a few friends. We are seeing fewer students going to the nurse for hungry tummies.

During the 2017 year encompassing the spring and fall of the school year Swift River has worked to integrate several social emotional learning initiatives in order to maintain what is working and add new programs that add to round out our efforts to address the social emotional needs of our students. The PeaceBuilders continues to be a strong program that articulates our vision of how we treat each other and how we strive to build a peaceful and caring community. This year we have begun to incorporate 2 new initiatives to build on PeaceBuilders and to more fully teach skills to students and staff. These programs are the "Acting with Purpose" social learning series from Positive Learning Communities and Polly Bath strategies for classroom management. We use language and approaches from all three programs. This can be seen in the classrooms, hallways and playground at Swift River. Our hope is that we treat all in our community with respect and kindness and teach those skills and values for students to carry them forward.

With advice and assistance from the SRE School Council, the accomplishments mentioned in this report and the completion of other projects became a reality. School Council members for 2017 were: Robert Kuhn, co-chair/principal; Brenda Kruse, teacher representative; Susan Stebbins, teacher representative; Ruby Bansal, parent representative; Elizabeth Dudek, parent representative and Jennifer Torna as the community representative. The School Council would like to acknowledge and thank SRE teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff members, students, their parents/guardians, administration, and the community for their continued support of our schools and initiatives.

Chestnut Hill Community School Principal's Report: At Chestnut Hill Community School, we are committed to providing all students with a rigorous learning experience in which they acquire the fundamental skills and social awareness necessary for success today and into the future. We continually look for ways to improve what we do so that our students can be prepared not only for the rest of their educational careers, but throughout life.

Starting in January of 2017, CHCS continued the Botvin LifeSkills Program with all grade 5 students and expanded it to grade 6. This research-based program helps to increase self-esteem, develop healthy attitudes, and improve students' knowledge of essential life skills - all of which promote healthy and positive personal development. With the support of Shawn Fortin, the Director of Teaching and Learning, and Phyllis Ducomb, the Nurse Leader, CHCS wrote and received the Massachusetts Attorney General's Youth Opioid Prevention Grant in the amount of \$6376.00. This grant has allowed us to provide additional training to staff and expand the program to grade 4 during the 2017-2018 school year. In doing so, throughout the entire school we will be supporting both the social-emotional needs of our students as well as providing them with essential skills necessary to make healthy choices.

In February and March, we had several educational presentations here at CHCS. The fourth grade learned about rocks and minerals from Jack Marcy, the President of the Connecticut Valley Mineral Club. The fifth grade enjoyed a Birds of Prey presentation, which was sponsored by the PTO.

In May, our students performed in *Bookmarks*, an original musical that was written and produced by Josh Guerrez and Steve Walkowicz. The performance was made possible because of the support of many dedicated volunteers from the Belchertown community. Over 100 students participated in the performance and it was an outstanding display of the talent we have here at CHCS!

In June, the 6th grade held their annual showcase. This is an enjoyable evening in which our outgoing 6th graders are able to highlight their talents for families and friends.

During 2017, CHCS had three dedicated professionals retire. I want to recognize Ron McClure (grade 5), Diane Brown (grade 6), and Steve Walkowicz for their many years of service to the children of Belchertown. We also welcomed new staff to join our CHCS family: Heather Walker (grade 6), Christina Brach (grade 6), and Laura LaPlante (art).

At the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year, we saw 205 students move up to seventh grade and with the start of the 2017-2018 school year, CHCS welcomed 181 fourth graders for a total of 551 students in grades 4, 5, and 6.

During the summer of 2017, five 6th grade teachers participated in training related to a personalized learning pilot, which began in September. The vision of this ongoing pilot program is to "Empower all students to take ownership of their learning by developing the skills, knowledge, and habits which enable each individual to realize and achieve their full potential." This program is part of our continuous commitment to meet the needs of all students in a way that will help them become confident, self-directed learners. In order to make any necessary adjustments to the program and to determine its overall effectiveness at CHCS, throughout the fall, feedback was collected from parents, students, and teachers participating in the pilot. Throughout 2017-2018, we will continue to collect and utilize feedback and review pertinent data to inform our decisions relating to the continued integration of personalized learning strategies at CHCS.

In September, we started the year by introducing our students to newly developed common expectations for shared spaces including, but not

limited to hallways, restrooms, and the cafeteria. We encouraged kids to RISE to meet the challenges of today for success tomorrow. RISE is an acronym for "Respect", "Integrity", "Safety", and "Empathy" which describe the traits that we hope our students emulate. The expected behaviors were explained to all students and they are rewarded throughout the year for exhibiting positive behavior.

The acquisition and utilization of technology continues to be an ongoing focus here at CHCS. Since we started using google applications such as Gmail, Google Docs, and Google Classroom in 2016, we have had over half our staff trained in the use of google applications and as you walk through our halls, you can see most classes utilizing some sort of technology. We have increased the amount of Chromebooks for students use from 3 classroom carts in 2016 to 10 classroom carts in September 2017. This technology allows us to keep up-to-date with the demands of the 21st century.

The PTO continues to be a tremendous support for our entire school community. From organizing back to school events and holiday gifts for teachers, to the Annual Walk-a-thon, STEM Night, supplementing field trips, and coordinating volunteers for the book fair, we could not succeed without their generous support. At the conclusion of the 2017 school year, the PTO made a generous donation of 27 chromebooks and a chromebook cart. My sincere thanks goes to the entire PTO as well as all those who support the PTO for making this possible!

Finally, I would like to recognize the outstanding dedication of our entire faculty and staff who on a daily basis work to ensure that the experiences of our students are engaging, motivating, and promote lifelong learning. It is my honor and privilege to work with you each day.

Thank you,

Jennifer Champagne
Principal, Chestnut Hill Community School

Jabish Brook Middle School (JBMS)

Principal's Report: Jabish Brook Middle School, serving grades 7 & 8, continued to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment for our students. Our first year of the newly revised MCAS state test, required by the Department of

Elementary and Secondary Education to track student proficiency rates, showed mixed results. The newly revised online test showed students met state levels in a number of areas, but were struggling more than in previous years. The continued integration of technologies into the classroom, and the respective curriculum adjustments has become a focus for improvement and development at the middle school level.

In addition, STAR Assessments, an online platform that provides real-time computer assessments on academic proficiency rates in ELA and Math has been fully implemented at the middle school level. Student diagnostic and benchmark assessments are held three times a year with all seventh and eighth grade students. The intended outcome is provide immediate comprehensive results on student academic proficiencies and needs, and provide instructional resources to address them.

Google Classroom, a part of the Google Education Suite providing an online platform for the integration of technology in the classroom has provided excellent results. Over 85% of the teaching faculty are utilizing this method to provide online resources, and accept some work completed online for our students. While technology becomes an ever present aspect of educating our students, balancing technology with hands-on instruction, and dedicating the financial resources necessary to meet this demand is an ever-increasing challenge. Chromebooks, a cost-effective device for the use of technology, has been increased to 1 device for every 2 students. In addition, we have piloted a "bring your own device" model at Jabish Brook to compliment the increased technology demands and expectations.

At times, addressing the needs of our students goes beyond just traditional academic expectations. We continue to work cooperatively as a school to address the social-emotional and developmental needs of our students. The expansion of the Grade 7 health curriculum, the subsequent implementation of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral for Treatment (SBIRT) as a state-mandated health screening, and the referral for services to outside agencies, such as the with Behavioral Health Network, have been implemented to better address the social-emotional needs of our students.

The middle school has been able to combine our strong academic expectations with enrichment activities and community events, to foster the social and emotional growth of our students. Events such as the Belchertown Fair, middle school dances, food and toy drives, our winter semi-formal dance, field trips, dress up spirit weeks, etc. are all designed to help enrich the educational experience. Through the cooperative efforts of students, parents, an active Parent-Teacher Organization, fundraisers continue to be conducted to sponsor student participation in these events.

The JBMS After-School Program has struggled with the loss of funding, but has been able to continue under a fee based system for student participation. Faculty and staff have volunteered their time to continue the program, and have conducted fundraising events in order to provide a safe and enriching environment to our middle school students during normal working hours for parents. The loss of this programming has had a dramatic negative impact on our school, and we continue to pursue methods to return this program back to full capacity for our middle school population.

Staff, students, faculty, administration, parents and guardians of JBMS continued to work together to provide the best possible programs and services for middle school students. The Jabish Brook Middle School PTO, Student Council and School Council were active participants in reviewing and supporting the diverse needs of our middle school students. It is through this cooperative effort of our school community that JBMS is able to continue to provide a positive and productive learning environment.

We look forward to continued development and improvements with integrating technology into the classroom, making strides in our MCAS online testing achievement scores, and enriching the overall educational experience for our students.

Thomas K. Ruscio, Principal
Jabish Brook Middle School

High School (BHS) Principal's Report: 2017 was a unique and typical year for the Belchertown High School Community. It was unique in each of the special and specific academic, athletic,

musical, and co-curricular achievements and milestones reached. It was typical in that such achievements and accolades have become an expected part of the incredible culture at BHS. Belchertown High School continued to bring great pride and honor to the larger community of Belchertown with teaching and learning that is most impressive once again in 2017.

To begin the New Year, Belchertown High School announced its official Twitter site! Please follow @BtownHS142 to obtain all of the latest information about all of the exciting happenings at Belchertown High School.

Also, in January, Hichul Chung, Cam Wright, Parker Mas, James Wang, earned a victory on As Schools Match Wits. The team was in contention for a playoff spot right up until the end of the season.

In February, Ms. Teixeira, Airani Patel, members of the National Art Honor Society, and all designers and models saw great success with Project Runway! Alex Hoffman was awarded first place for her design!



Also in February, our Varsity Swim Teams demonstrated great success in the Division II State Championships! Our Girls' Team finished 11th overall and our Boys' Team finished fifth overall! Junior Ben

Laclair broke a 30 year old Western MA record in winning the 500 freestyle at 4:38.20 becoming only the second Belchertown swimmer to ever win a State Division Title and the first to have the best overall time in all divisions! Ben also placed second in the 200 Yard Freestyle. Five new school records and one new Western MA record were established during the meet. Our Girls' Medley Relay team of Audra Hale, Wiktorja Kaczor, Haley Synan, and Aubrey Endress set a new mark of 1:55.43, Haley Synan lowered her team record in the 500 freestyle to 5:17.01, and Wiktorja Kaczor lowered the 100 Breaststroke record to 1:09.51. Haley Synan finished third in the 200 Yard Freestyle. Ben Laclair, Chris Chumbley, Dennis Lelic, and Jarred Veroneau finished second in the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay.

Chris Chumbley set a new 100 backstroke mark at 54.42 and Chris also finished third in the 200 Yard IM.

In March, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents recognized Mr. Cameron Wright as an award recipient for 2017. A lovely event was hosted by Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School for Cam and his family and other western Massachusetts recipients. During his four years at Belchertown High School, Cameron Wright unassumingly enriched this community. A superb student with a work ethic and intellectual curiosity seldom seen in secondary school students, Cam pursued a rigorous course of study with Advanced Placement and honors classes in English Literature, US Government, Calculus, Computer Science Principles, and Physics. Cam was recognized as a National Merit Finalist, Harvard Prize Book Award recipient, Rensselaer Medal Award winner, and John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipient. Belchertown High School educators presented him with fourteen excellence awards in English, Math, Science, Foreign Language, and Social Studies during his high school career. Cam earned high honor roll status every term of every year at BHS. And this does not even mention Cam's role as three-sport student-athlete and BHS Student Council Vice President. Cam is truly a young man for all seasons!

Also in March, our Concert Band, Symphony Band, and Wind Ensemble achieved great success in the MICCA Festival - Concert Band won silver and Symphony Band and Concert Band won gold!

On Friday, June 2nd, the Class of 2017 graduated 165 students from Belchertown High School. The ceremony was held in the gymnasium with family and friends in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of the class. The featured commencement speaker was Attorney Sunila Thomas George, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. Attorney Thomas George graduated from Belchertown High School in 1987 and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Wheaton College and her law degree from Western New England University School of Law.

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, a Democrat, appointed George to the role of Commissioner after taking office in 2007, reappointing her in 2009 and 2013. She was appointed to a fourth term in September 2015—this time by Republican Governor Charlie Baker. As a commissioner, Attorney Thomas-George is responsible for the administration, adjudication and education of civil rights matters for the Commonwealth. She is the recipient of many awards, including the prestigious Manuel Carballo Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Services and the Executive Branch Award for Excellence in Government Legal Services.

During her time at Belchertown High School, Attorney Thomas George was an Oriole through and through – brilliant and bright always representing the orange and black proudly in everything she did in and out of school!

Other speeches were given by Mr. Cameron Wright, valedictorian of the class, and Mr. Matthew Davidsohn, salutatorian and president of the class. Over \$285,000 in scholarships was presented to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community – a special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

On Wednesday, August 30th, 710 students and 120 faculty and staff arrived for the opening day of school. The Belchertown High School Community welcomed new staff: Ms. Kymberly Sylvestre – Science Teacher, Ms. Cassie Fontaine – Special Education Teacher, Mr. Clay Hennessy – Business and Technology Teacher, Ms. Kim Patenaude – Transition Specialist, Ms. Kelsey Whelpley – Physical Education Teacher, Mr. Jason Griffin – Science Teacher, Ms. Lorraine Skura – Paraprofessional, Ms. Miranda Piris – School Psychologist.

During the opening convocation, students were reminded of how they are part of a rich and storied tradition of excellence and that we pride ourselves on high standards in the areas of academics and athletics, the sciences and civic responsibility, the humanities and helping others. And that they are proud of what BHS has been and of who we are,

and with good reason. Belchertown a terrific community and our traditions are an essential thread of that fabric of excellence.

However, they were told if they allowed themselves to be defined solely by traditions, then they actually run the risk of becoming bound and constricted by them. After all, as someone once said, "If you always do what you've always done, then you'll always get what you've always gotten." So they were asked, how is it, then, that they know when to rely on tradition and when it is time to try something new, or innovate? The following was an important question they were asked to consider this year as a school, and as a district. What does the new district motto: "Tradition and Innovation Together" mean?

The students were asked to consider some of the following questions.....

*What have you done in the past that has worked well for you? How can you replicate that this year?

*What has not worked so well for you in previous years? In what ways might you innovate to improve it?

*What things that you already do well might you do even better if you didn't let preconceived notions or limits get in your way?

*What things are solid as they are and should not be changed simply for the sake of changing?

*Is it possible to make innovation a crucial part of your...and our...tradition?

They were told that these questions were not easy to answer. They were asked to use today, and tomorrow, and maybe all of the school year as their chance to answer these questions....in how they speak, act, think, and grow. They were told that would be an innovation which would fit well into the proud Belchertown tradition.

The use of Google classroom by our educators and students took off at the start of the school year! The training that has been provided to our educators by our colleagues at Jabish Brook Middle School and through professional development from the Collaborative for Educational Services has given them the

confidence they need in the use of G-Suite. Also, the purchase of four Chromebook carts for the use in classrooms throughout the building has been so much appreciated by students and educators alike. This technology is very valuable in preparing our students to be 21st century college and career ready.

In November, members of the Class of 2017 were recognized as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients by Superintendent Karol Coffin. These students received scores on the MCAS that were in the top twenty five percent of their class. The students who choose to attend a Massachusetts public college university will receive free tuition. Congratulations to our scholars on this outstanding achievement – Jonathan Behta, Samantha Birks, Zachary Bonetti, Nathan Bresnahan, Liam Calnan, Ryan Chrabaszcz, Joshua Cox, Amber Cross, Paul Daley, Matthew Debarge, Corey Dolgas, Olivia Duclos, Lydia Funk, Tess Gadoury, Aidan Griffiths, Tucker Humphrey, Christopher Lapointe, Kiersten Laramée, Andrew LeBlanc, Aidan Lyons, Parker Mas, Catherine Mastalerz, Morgan Mathurin, Sean McCarthy, Madeline Medina, Mitchell Medina, Natalie Nganga, Sean O'Neill, Noah Pare, Brian Riley, Quinn Roche, Nathaniel Rosati, Karly Roux, Elijah Saklad, Judith Schmidt, Elena Shippey, Eliza Smith, Nicole Sterste, Lily Stowe-Alekman, Lisa Swift, Kathryn Tauer, Grace Terry, Mark Tharion, Stephanie Thrasher, Juilana Tronsky, Olivia Turek, Jordan Viess, Gabrielle Wenc, Benjamin Wood, Kyle Zielinski, Olivia Zinter.

A Veterans' Day Assembly was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium on Thursday, November 10th. Belchertown High School School Adjustment Counselor Ms. Frances Frederick, posted the colors and was our guest speaker. Special thanks to Ms. Vaz, Emily Hamparian, and Student Council for organizing the Veterans' Day Assembly. Thanks also to Dr. Messier, Ms. Comstock, the Music Department, Henry Langlois and Ian Kenneally for their musical contributions.

Also in November, our Second Annual Alumni Career Fair was held at Belchertown High School. Twenty-one Belchertown High School graduates from the Classes of 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2009, 2010, 2012, and 2013 returned home to the nest to speak with members

of the Class of 2019 about their careers. It was wonderful to welcome back our very successful alumni and hear how their education in the Belchertown Public School District shaped their career plans.

In closing, all of our students have contributed so much to the success we experienced at 142 Springfield Road in 2017 through their achievements in their academics, their talent in athletics and music, and their participation in co-curricular activities. We are very fortunate to have such outstanding students in our community. With these wonderful students and our caring educators and support personnel, we are creating new traditions, carrying on the old traditions, and

looking forward to continuing to capture many wonderful memories at Belchertown High School. We are very grateful to our Superintendent, Ms. Karol Coffin, our School Committee, and the greater community for all they do for us. We appreciate the support that is given to us at Town Meeting and the understanding that it is important to support the many unique and typical opportunities and experiences that take place in the Belchertown School District. All of us at Belchertown High School will continue to provide a quality education for all of our students in a positive, safe, and respectful environment.

Christine M. Vigneux
Belchertown High School Principal

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the nine-town District. Currently the Committee consists of 11 members: two members each from Belchertown and Palmer and one each from the remaining towns. At the September meeting of the committee, Heather Ackerman was introduced as the representative from Warren who was appointed to fill the position vacated by Thomas Rugani. Michael Cavanaugh and David Droz, both from Palmer, continue to serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively. Lorraine F. Alves continues to serve as secretary. Gabriel Vallee is the new student representative.

CURRICULUM: Based on the most recent MCAS scores, Pathfinder has continued to improve on narrowing the proficiency gaps. While the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education has designated Pathfinder as a “Level 3” school, the District has actually improved its percentile ranking within the state accountability system. A “Level 3” distinction means that, despite the improvement in MCAS scores, there are subgroups of the student population (*e.g.*, high needs; students with disabilities) that have not made sufficient progress toward “Proficiency” as expected by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education.

Part of an ongoing strategy for District improvement is the implementation of a Math Enrichment curriculum for all incoming 9th graders. This course focuses on calibrating compulsory math skills as students enter Pathfinder, with emphasis in the second half of the year on concepts tied to both math coursework and technical content. Additionally, all 10th graders engage in a targeted MCAS Preparation course, reviewing content and test-taking strategies for the spring testing period. The newest initiative related to improving accountability status is the Collaborative Reading training program, in which teachers are shaping their instructional practices to increase student reading comprehension through engaging, student-centered reading strategies.

In addition to honors level courses in all core academic content areas at all grade levels, Pathfinder also offered Advanced Placement coursework in Calculus, Computer Science, English Language and Composition, and US History, and the school added English Literature and Composition for the 2017-2018 school year. In May, for the first time in school history, 48 students sat for 62 exams, resulting in six scores qualifying students for college credit.

Pathfinder has continued to make advancements in technical offerings as well. All fifteen career areas have adopted the most recent state frameworks. Vocational staff members continue to review all areas of the

curriculum and participate in professional development opportunities to ensure they remain current in all areas of instruction.

2016-17 SKILLS USA: Pathfinder selected 110 students to compete at the District 5 SkillsUSA conference on Friday, March 24, 2017 at Bay Path RVTHS in Charlton, MA. Students represented all of the trade programs and competed in over 30 various written competitions. Pathfinder earned 13 medals in 6 trade areas. These included 6 medals in Automated Manufacturing, (3 Silver, 3 Bronze), Automotive refinishing, (Silver), CNC Milling, (Bronze), CNC Technician, (Gold), Electronics Technology, (Gold and Bronze), Urban Search and Rescue, (2 Silver).

All of the Gold and Silver medalists as well as the Bronze Automated Manufacturing team then moved on to the State SkillsUSA Conference which was held on April 27-29, 2017, at Blackstone Valley THS, in Upton, MA. Pathfinder sent a total of 12 students to compete in their trade areas. One of the Automated Manufacturing teams earned 3 Bronze Medals for their efforts.

SELECTED MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS: In 2017, Pathfinder's technical programs received 780 requests for work to be performed.

Electrical:

The Electrical Department completed over 65 jobs in the school and in the community this past year, Including:

- Cosmetology Shop Remodel
- CAD Shop Remodel
- Culinary Power Upgrade
- Machine Shop Power Upgrade/ Ceiling Installation; Perso Point of Sale System
- Numerous classroom relocations
- Monson House Building Project

Collision Repair Technology:

- Ware Police Department: Students repaired and refinished a Ford Crown Victoria.
- Warren Police Department: Students repaired and refinished a Humvee.

Machine Technology:

- Students machined several cribbage boards as donations to non-profit organizations. The students also machined several clocks. Recipients included:

Palmer Public Library

Top Floor Learning, Palmer

Machine Technology "Poker Run" (Pathfinder fundraiser)

Pathfinder Car Show (Skills USA fundraiser)

Local Retiring School and Town Officials

Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament Raffle

Cosmetology:

- Students continued their annual visits to area Senior Centers during which they provided "Spa Days" for seniors. The services they offered included manicures, pedicures, facials, and hair styles. Currently the cosmetology students provide these services in Palmer, Ware, and Belchertown.

Horticulture:

- Palmer: Horticulture students began construction of the Laviolette Field Walking Path and Fitness Trail.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM: Fifty-three (53) students participated in the school's Cooperative Education Program which provides opportunities for paid, career-related jobs *in lieu* of attending their vocational classes. In this real work environment, the students enhanced their technical skills, developed interpersonal skills, and experienced valuable lessons in maintaining a balance among their personal lives, school academics, and their jobs. Co-op continues to be an excellent pathway to full-time employment.

STUDENT BODY: Pathfinder's total enrollment was 615 as of October 1, 2017, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 107; Granby 18; Hardwick 19; Monson 85; New Braintree 8; Oakham 15; Palmer 141; Ware 119; and Warren 46. The remaining students were residents of out-of-district communities, the largest number of students coming from West Brookfield (23). The 615 figure on October 1st represents a decrease of 3 students overall from the number reported on October 1, 2016.

The Pupil Services Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—once again received far more applications for the 9th grade openings than the school could accommodate. Transfer opportunities into the 10th or 11th grades were also very limited. Consequently, the school experienced another year of waiting lists for each grade.

In October and November, Pathfinder's guidance counselors visited the 8th graders in member towns to provide an in-depth presentation about Pathfinder's offerings and the application process. On November 23rd 240 8th grade students from member districts spent the morning exploring Pathfinder's technical offerings. These students participated in an interactive hands-on experience with staff and current students. On November 30th, a Showcase Night was held for 8th graders and their parents. The event featured a free dinner and a tour of the facility, including a visit to technical areas of interest. Parents and students were offered the opportunity to utilize the newly installed online admission process at both events.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony. To qualify, students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. The induction ceremony is held in early spring so that senior inductees can include this recognition on college, scholarship, and work applications. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting as guests underclass students who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who demonstrated potential for induction into the Society.

At the Annual Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) and the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA), Palmer resident Shannon Fiore was recognized as Pathfinder's honoree. Shannon excelled in the Business Technology Program at Pathfinder. Her professionalism and dedication to her studies was observed by many both in school and out, as she spent her senior year participating in our Cooperative Education program working at Palmer Healthcare Center during her shop weeks. On top of this, she spent her spare time volunteering at her church. Shannon demonstrated intelligence and diligence in the classroom daily, participating in a rigorous course of study that has included both honors and AP courses. She held the highest GPA and was ranked 1st in Pathfinder's Class of 2017. She was a recipient of the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship and obtained many academic and technical awards over the course of her time at Pathfinder. Shannon was also honored as Pathfinder's recipient of the M.A.S.S. Academic Excellence Award. Shannon began pursuing further education in the field of Accounting at Western New England University in the fall of 2017.

On June 2 2017, the graduating class of 128 students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. More than 25% of the graduates received local scholarship awards totaling over \$14,000 during the annual Scholarship Night ceremony, with much more made available through John & Abigail Adams Scholarships, as well as awards and grants to our graduates from the colleges and universities to which they had been offered admission. Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of

Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The school committee, administration-- and particularly the graduates-- are grateful for this support and are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and staff members.

PUPIL SERVICES: Under the direction of Nicole Heroux, the Pupil Personnel Department is comprised of both Guidance and Special Education.

The Department continues to be committed to finding opportunities to offer different pathways to learning so that the diverse ability levels of the students might be accommodated. The Guidance Staff is working on revising the curriculum for College and Career Readiness for students' best interests when it comes to their emotional and educational well-being. A course has been developed in order to help students better prepare for MCAS; each sophomore now takes a year-long Math Prep class.

The Special Education Department strives to address the needs of *all* learners in grades 9-12. Through continued integrated efforts with students, parents, and other student support services, the Department focuses on promoting each student's self-awareness, ability to self-advocate, and sense of self sufficiency. All students admitted to Pathfinder are expected to fulfill the same requirements to receive a high school diploma as in local town high schools, and all students must have access to all academic and vocational programs.

Team chairpersons conducted Team evaluations, annual reviews and re-evaluations for over 173 special needs students. The Pupil Services Department continued to be responsible for approximately 50 students who have 504 Accommodation Plans. Section 504 is a federal civil rights law which requires the provision of reasonable accommodations to students and staff who qualify as disabled under the law.

Work continued on the collaboration between special and general educators. Vocational and academic teachers have been receiving professional development on differentiating instruction and how to work with students with social-emotional needs.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES: In April, a group of 24 students and chaperones from Pathfinder went on an incredible 10-day trip to Germany over April Vacation. It included an in depth guided tour, giving students an abundance of information on German history. The trip was a once-in-a-lifetime for all involved, and a trip to Italy is in the works for Spring 2019!

In April, Pathfinder's Cosmetology Department hosted their second Beauty School Battle. Many vocational schools came to Pathfinder to participate in contests judged by local salon owners in three categories. Pathfinder students performed well, winning in several categories.

On September 23rd, Pathfinder held its 25th Annual Car Show, proceeds from which help pay the cost of sending students to the annual SkillsUSA competition. This successful show attracts car lovers in all generations for a wonderful day.

The following day, on September 24th, the Machine Shop hosted its 10th annual Poker Run to help with the cost of materials and equipment for their program. A fun time was had by all!

The Diversity Club has been concentrating on promoting school -wide tolerance and acceptance. Some of the activities included a dance, cookie decorating, and a citrus fundraiser.

A number of new clubs were formed by staff and students this year! Choir club, Women in STEM, Amateur Radio Club, Paw Finders (a club committed to fundraising and volunteering for local animal shelters), a renewed Ski Club, and Welding Club are a few of the new clubs being offered to our students.

Pathfinder FFA had another good year. A devoted Senior group participated in every Career Development Event, including competitions Pathfinder hasn't participated in for years. These competitions included Natural

Resources, Forestry, Turf, Landscaping, Safe Equipment Operation, Safe Tractor Operation, Floriculture, and more.

On a State Level, six students placed in the following: Extemporaneous Speaking (1st), Forestry(3rd), Safe Equipment Operation (3rd), Safe Tractor Operation (2nd).

Students were also involved in several community projects, including hosting Duck Races for the Palmer 150th Parade and the Palmer American Legion. In addition, with the help of many other programs at Pathfinder the school was represented by a float in the Palmer 150th Parade.

Four Blood Drives were held in 2017, two through Bay State Hospital's Mobile Drive, and two through the American Red Cross. A total of over 250 lives were potentially impacted and saved through donations across the four drives! At the end of 2017, \$500 had been earned in scholarships for senior students through the Red Cross.

The Student Council sponsored an exceptionally successful Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit local families this year. The donations included 60 turkeys and 1287 canned goods!

ATHLETICS

- Participation numbers remained consistent (170 athletes) although there was a noticeable drop in the number of 9th grade football players.
- The girls' 2016-2017 basketball team qualified for the Western Mass Tournament.
- Andrew Roman became Pathfinder's third 1,000 pt. scorer in basketball and all time school scoring leader with 1,134 points.
- The varsity baseball team qualified for both the State Vocational and Western Mass. Tournaments. The team lost in the finals of the Vocational Tournament and advanced to the second round of the Western Mass. Tournament.
- The fall girls' soccer team qualified for both the State Vocational and Western Mass. tournaments advancing to the second round in Western Mass.
- The cheerleading squad continues to show large numbers, especially in the fall season.
- Lacrosse will be introduced as a new boys' varsity sport this spring.

GRANTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRACTS

Program Name	Amount	Application
Title I	\$144,179	Retain Title I ELA Instructor, 1 Para Instructional Technology, Summer Transition Program, Supplies and Stipends
Title IIA	25,974	<i>Retaining Highly Qualified Students</i> Professional Development; SEI French River Trainings; ASCD Training
SPED Improvement Grant	2,302	Inclusion Training for mixed staff
SPED	230,530	Salaries for 2 Para's, Inclusion Math and History Instructors ; Supplies, E-SPED; Transition Services
Perkins	99,740	MAVA CVTE & ACTE Conferences, MAVA In-house Curriculum Course, Track Loader, Solar Combiner Boxes
WIOA Program	39,662	Supported 5 weeks, @25 hrs./ week summer work for 24 participants; 2 year-round part-time jobs.
WIOA Bonus Program	1,582	Provided quarterly bonuses of \$25 - 50 for WIA participants meeting Pathfinder criteria (grades, attendance)
Stem Grant	15,210	Innovations Program
Public Service Announcement Challenge - Drunk Driving Trust Fund	1,000	Apple iMac
Gene HAAS Foundation (Private Grant)	11,000	Machine Shop Assorted Tools/Membership Scholarships
Machine Technology	235,000	Lathe
Title IV Part A	3,576	Instructional Technology
CTE Grant	5,000	
Total	\$809,760	

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: The Summer Youth Enrichment Program was a huge success with over 125 different students selecting 190 different program slots-- over 60 children a week!

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Programs has been extraordinary. Many students return to the program several times and express regret when they become too old to participate. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment. An analysis is being developed utilizing an enrollment attendance form to determine the percentage or the number of participants who ultimately enroll in Pathfinder.

Pathfinder offered an online Academic Summer School program designed to enable students to recover credit needed for promotion or graduation through a four-week, 40-hour course of study, which ran from the second week of July through the first week of August. Additionally, Pathfinder offered in-district students a Vocational Related Summer School credit recovery option that spanned five days and a total of 20 hours during the first week of August. In total, 95 students from 12 districts completed 104 summer school courses.

FACULTY AND STAFF: Currently the Pathfinder staff consists of 44 vocational teachers, 25 academic teachers, 1 teaching assistant, 1 part-time athletic trainer, 9 special education teachers, 3 counselors, a psychologist, a library-media specialist, a speech & language pathologist, a behavioral specialist, a nurse and 9 paraprofessionals. The school is managed by the Superintendent and a group of 7 professional administrators as well as a full-time grants/cooperative education coordinator. The support staff includes 7 custodians, 11 clerical personnel, and 2 cafeteria workers.

In June, the school said farewell to retirees Paul Danielovich (Accounting Instructor and Wrestling Coach), Ginette Cole (School Nurse), James Lavalley (Automotive Instructor) Donald Iryzk (Mathematics Instructor) Jerry Clough (Custodian). Janet Rivers (Guidance Secretary) retired in December.

New Instructors hired included Justin Bren (Pre Engineering/CAD), Joshua Dusza, Martha Savaria, and Zachary Dreher (Mathematics), Stanley Stachura (Automotive), Andrew Dalesandro (Programming & Web Design), and Scott Baronas (Carpentry). Also new this year were April Childs (School Nurse), Margaret Nugent (Grants and Co-op Coordinator), Corydon Rugg (Teaching Assistant in Electronics), Cody Letendre (Custodian), and Jonathan Stalneck (Paraprofessional).

Pathfinder graduate and former teacher Eric Duda was promoted to Interim Assistant Superintendent/Principal, and Ryan Rege was selected as Interim Vocational Director.

Dr. Paist continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quabog Hills Chamber of Commerce. An active member of the Assn. for Career & Technical Education, he is one of two Region I Directors for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators (NCLA). In November 2016, Academic Director Timothy Moriarty was also named an At-Large Member of the NCLA Board.

BUDGET AND FINANCE: In February of 2017, the school committee adopted a FY18 budget of \$13,883,215, representing a 0.00% Increase over the previous year. The 0.00% Increase in FY18 also included the second of five years' payments on the Total Roof Replacement Project. Subsequently, Pathfinder's nine member communities unanimously voted approval on their assessments during their 2017 town meetings, thereby approving the FY18 budget pursuant to the regional school budget statute. (Please note that Pathfinder's budget increased 3.92% in FY17, 1.59% in FY16, and decreased 0.34% in FY15).

Included in Pathfinder's FY18 approved budget assessment calculation, the Regional School Transportation Reimbursement Rate was estimated conservatively at 60 % based on historical receipts over the last 5 years. Additionally, during FY17, the Pathfinder School Committee adopted MGL 71, Section 16C which allows for regional school districts to establish a Regional School Transportation Reimbursement Fund. With the creation of this fund, excess reimbursements made by the Commonwealth pursuant to regional school

transportation may be deposited into the fund and may carry forward for one fiscal year to supplement the next school year's budget.

As stated in past years, Pathfinder had for a time generated substantial annual revenue from the enrollment of non-resident tuition students once all eligible in-district applicants had been accepted. These revenues were used (and still are) to subsidize the annual operating budgets and reduce District assessments. Since FY11, non-resident student enrollments have annually declined, leading to decreased annual non-resident tuition revenues. However, in FY17, non-resident tuition rebounded with revenues of \$561,359.00. While \$390,000.00 was previously designated to support the FY17 budget, the balance of the FY17 revenue will be used to support the FY18 and FY19 budgets.

As in past years, Chapter 70 Aid from the Commonwealth continues to be a stagnant. While Pathfinder's student enrollment has been steady at approximately 615 students for the last 3 years, the lack of enrollment growth has kept Chapter 70 Aid with very little change. For FY18, Pathfinder's Chapter 70 Aid was increased a modest \$11,540.00 from the previous fiscal year. Preliminary estimates based on student applications indicate Pathfinder's FY19 enrollment will be approximately the same.

At the end of FY2017, Pathfinder concluded negotiations with all bargaining units. During collective bargaining, Health Insurance Plan Design Changes were agreed upon, saving the District \$277,427.33 in FY18. The new plan design introduced individual and family deductibles along with adjusted benefits, mirroring those of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Benchmark Plan.

In conclusion, with little or no growth in the areas of Chapter 70 Aid, Regional Transportation Aid, Medicaid Reimbursements and School Choice; future budgeting will be challenging at best. With this said, Pathfinder is committed to regularly reviewing both programmatic and operational practices to ensure a "state of the art" career and technical education in a fiscally responsible manner.

The following chart illustrates the FY18 assessments (voted in spring of FY17) to each member community:

Assessment Calculation – FY18

Town Assessment	Minimum Contribution	Additional Contribution	Extra-ordinary Maintenance	Capital Plan Year 1	Transportation	Retiree Health Insurance	Roof Project Assessment	Total Assessment
Belchertown	801,614	345,358	6,679	7,747	45,150	40,917	37,673	1,285,138
Granby	224,416	75,227	2,386	2,768	9,835	8,913	13,460	337,004
Hardwick	120,122	68,388	1,141	1,323	8,941	8,102	6,434	214,451
Monson	879,497	338,519	3,052	3,541	44,256	40,106	17,217	1,326,188
New Braintree	83,886	30,774	425	493	4,023	3,646	2,396	125,644
Oakham	150,526	51,291	742	861	6,705	6,077	4,186	220,388
Palmer	989,217	495,811	4,240	4,919	64,819	58,742	23,917	1,641,665
Ware	662,059	389,810	3,918	4,544	50,961	46,183	22,098	1,179,574
Warren	231,843	177,808	2,418	2,804	23,245	21,066	13,638	472,822
TOTALS	4,143,180	1,972,986	25,000	29,000	257,935	233,752	141,020	6,802,873

FACILITIES: The Pathfinder total Roof Replacement Project was completed in March of 2016. The project's final audited cost was \$1,765,680.00. The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) grant paid for \$1,093,742.00 of the total cost, and the final outstanding balance (less Feasibility Study Funds previously paid) of \$641,000.00 was financed as the District entered into a five-year Serial Note with Eastern Bank.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: As Pathfinder enters its 46th year offering quality career and technical education to our member communities, the school committee wishes to reaffirm its pride in the staff and students. They have made substantial contributions to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

Finally, the committee wishes to thank our legislators, town officials, and the several town meetings for their support over these years.

The committee is mindful of the prediction that FY19 fiscal picture will undoubtedly present another challenge. However -- as always -- the goal will be to preserve the quality of education that the students deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh (Palmer), Chairman
David Droz (Palmer), Vice Chairman
Lorraine F. Alves (Belchertown), Secretary
Francesco Dell'Olio (Belchertown)
William E. Johnson (Granby)
Julie Quink (Hardwick)

Kathleen Barrett (Monson)
Shane Stafford (New Braintree)
Jeffrey Nelson (Oakham)
M. Barbara Ray (Ware)
Heather Ackerman (Warren)

Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

Skate Park Committee

The Skate Park Committee continued to maintain the Skate Park in 2017. We have had increased interest at the Park with more community involvement in keeping it clean and safe for users. Late in 2017, we had several letters of interest to the Committee and are excited in moving forward with continued maintenance and improvements.

Michelle Ricker
Skate Park Committee

Veterans' Graves

For the year 2017, all of Belchertown's veterans graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239 for their flagging assistance at Mt. Hope Cemetery, as well as a thank you to Local VFW Post 8428 for their flagging assistance at South Cemetery. Help was also provided by Girl Scout Troop 11788 and volunteer Ms. Joelle Gousy.

This year I applied for and received a historic preservation grant from the Belchertown Community Preservation Committee. The money was used for gravestone restoration at Mt. Hope, Rural and South Cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Viglione, Veterans' Graves Officer
Kathleen M. Wood, Asst. Veterans' Graves Officer

Veterans' Service Agent

The year 2017 provided many opportunities in providing State and Federal benefits to Veterans and their families due to the constantly changing economy and gradual growth in the job market. The Veterans' Services Advisory Board appreciatively provides valuable assistance to my office concerning Veterans' issues and planned Veteran activities in our Town.

Future plans for 2017 would include: 1) Networking resources for our Veterans and their families in times of crisis or unforeseen circumstances; 2) Public informational programs on Veteran topics concerning VA, State benefits, and elder care issues; and, 3) A streamlined process to file VA paperwork. My office will

continue to work with Belchertown residents, organizations, and programs that support our Veterans and their families.

The VFW and my office are still actively accepting DD 214s to place qualified names on the Middle East War Memorial.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Service Agent

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

During 2017, the Veterans' Services Advisory Board assisted my office in efficiently planning various Belchertown Veterans' ceremonies and in developing alternative ways to inform local Veterans of available State and/or Federal veteran programs.

I wish to thank the Veterans and Selectmen who serve on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board; your service to the Belchertown Veterans and my office is greatly appreciated.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. Janke
Veterans' Service Agent

Zoning Board of Appeals

In the past year, the Zoning Board of Appeals received six requests for Special Permits; three requests for Variances and one Appeal. Two Variances were granted, one Variance was denied. One Appeal was withdrawn. Four Special Permits were approved and one Special permit was withdrawn. One Special Permit was denied.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark Hebert, Chairman
Brian Gibbons, Member
Robert Vigneault, Associate Member
Jennifer Sharrow, Associate Member

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2017

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	3,748,660.60	4,171,254.66	1,248,088.17	580,649.26	48,871.26	3,606,138.71		13,403,662.66
Petty Cash Advance	165.00							165.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	354,577.19							354,577.19
Chapter 61	54,286.31							54,286.31
Excise Taxes	365,804.03							365,804.03
Tax Liens	423,441.48			13,243.98				436,685.46
Special Assessments	0.00			2,953,966.18				2,953,966.18
Departmental	633,574.34			448,026.89				1,081,601.23
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(216,188.29)							(216,188.29)
Tax Foreclosures	185,964.91			39,602.94				225,567.85
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
CPA Surcharge Receivable		1,915.04						1,915.04
Due From Other Governments	154,650.78	213,136.35						367,787.13
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payable		310,000.00						310,000.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt							17,768,348.65	17,768,348.65
Amt. To be Prov.-Comp. Absence							263,335.92	263,335.92
Total Assets	<u>5,704,936.35</u>	<u>4,696,306.05</u>	<u>1,248,088.17</u>	<u>4,035,489.25</u>	<u>48,871.26</u>	<u>3,606,138.71</u>	<u>18,031,684.57</u>	<u>37,371,514.36</u>
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	850,091.28	100,829.67		67,670.43	15,790.30			1,034,381.68
Employee Withholdings	985,798.21							985,798.21

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2017

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	82,254.68							82,254.68
Chapter 61	54,286.31							54,286.31
Excise Taxes	365,804.03			13,243.98				365,804.03
Tax Liens	423,441.48			2,953,966.18				436,685.46
Special Assessments	0.00							2,953,966.18
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
Departmental	633,574.34			448,026.89				1,081,601.23
Tax Foreclosures	185,964.91			39,602.94				225,567.85
CPA Surcharge Receivable		1,671.02						
Government Receivable	154,650.78	213,136.35	0.00					367,787.13
Grant Receivable								0.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00	310,000.00						310,000.00
Early Pmt of 2018 Prop Tax/CPA St	56,134.22	244.02						56,378.24
Unclaimed Checks	3,781.54							3,781.54
Excess on Land of Low Value	(6,536.80)							(6,536.80)
Bond Indebtedness							17,768,348.65	17,768,348.65
Compensated Absences							<u>263,335.92</u>	<u>263,335.92</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>3,789,244.98</u>	<u>625,881.06</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,522,510.42</u>	<u>15,790.30</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>18,031,684.57</u>	<u>25,985,111.33</u>
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	216,702.22	0.00		17,060.05				233,762.27
Reserve for Expenditures	223,958.00	79,897.90		216,248.00	304.00			520,407.90
Unreserved Fund Balance	1,475,031.15							1,475,031.15
Reserved Fund Balance		3,970,109.21	1,248,088.17	279,670.78	32,776.96	3,606,138.71		9,136,783.83
Title V Septic System Loan		<u>20,417.88</u>						<u>20,417.88</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,915,691.37</u>	<u>4,070,424.99</u>	<u>1,248,088.17</u>	<u>512,978.83</u>	<u>33,080.96</u>	<u>3,606,138.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>11,386,403.03</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>5,704,936.35</u>	<u>4,696,306.05</u>	<u>1,248,088.17</u>	<u>4,035,489.25</u>	<u>48,871.26</u>	<u>3,606,138.71</u>	<u>18,031,684.57</u>	<u>37,371,514.36</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund Balance Sheet
June 30, 2017

ASSETS

Cash		3,748,660.60
Petty Cash Advance		165.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	354,577.19	
Chapter 61	54,286.31	
Excise Taxes	365,804.03	
Tax Liens	423,441.48	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	633,574.34	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	154,650.78	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	<u>(216,188.29)</u>	
		1,770,145.84
Due from Other Governments		0.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		0.00
Tax Foreclosure		<u>185,964.91</u>
Total Assets		<u>5,704,936.35</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable		850,091.28
Employee Withholdings		985,798.21
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	82,254.68	
Chapter 61	54,286.31	
Excise Taxes	365,804.03	
Tax Liens	423,441.48	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	633,574.34	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	154,650.78	
Tax Foreclosures	<u>185,964.91</u>	
		1,899,976.53
BANS Payable		0.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		(6,536.80)
Early Payment of 2018 Property Tax		56,134.22
Unclaimed Checks		<u>3,781.54</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>3,789,244.98</u>

FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Expenditures	223,958.00
Reserve for Encumbrances	216,702.22
Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>1,475,031.15</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,915,691.37</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>5,704,936.35</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2017

CPA	GRANTS					Totals	
	Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	School Lunch Revolving	Departmental	Agency Funds (Memo Only)
ASSETS							
Cash	795,037.92	(470.50)	(109,829.57)	(35,199.51)	(27,590.47)	80,748.51	194,331.01
Petty Cash Advance							4,171,254.66
Due From Commonwealth	213,136.35						0.00
Amt to be Provided-Notes Payable	310,000.00						213,136.35
Surcharge Receivable (thru FY16)	1,915.04						310,000.00
Due from Federal Government							1,915.04
							0.00
Total Assets	<u>1,106,952.96</u>	<u>212,665.85</u>	<u>(109,829.57)</u>	<u>(35,199.51)</u>	<u>(27,590.47)</u>	<u>80,748.51</u>	<u>4,696,306.05</u>
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Warrants Payable	0.00	3,344.20	25,334.37	10,694.30	7,400.15	5,317.88	3,551.76
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		213,136.35					45,187.01
Employee Withholdings							0.00
Bond Anticipation Note	310,000.00						310,000.00
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	1,671.02						1,671.02
Early pmt of '17 CPA Surcharge	244.02						244.02
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable							0.00
Total Liabilities	<u>311,915.04</u>	<u>216,480.55</u>	<u>25,334.37</u>	<u>10,694.30</u>	<u>7,400.15</u>	<u>5,317.88</u>	<u>625,881.06</u>
Fund Equity:							
Design. for Subs Years Expense	715,140.02	(3,814.70)	(135,163.94)	(45,893.81)	(34,990.62)	75,430.63	3,970,109.21
Reserve for Open Space	5,008.60						5,008.60
Reserve for Historic Resources	7,816.00						7,816.00
Reserve for Community Housing	67,073.30						67,073.30
Reserve for Encumbrance	0.00						0.00
Title V Septic System Loan						20,417.88	20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	<u>795,037.92</u>	<u>(3,814.70)</u>	<u>(135,163.94)</u>	<u>(45,893.81)</u>	<u>(34,990.62)</u>	<u>75,430.63</u>	<u>4,070,424.99</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>1,106,952.96</u>	<u>212,665.85</u>	<u>(109,829.57)</u>	<u>(35,199.51)</u>	<u>(27,590.47)</u>	<u>80,748.51</u>	<u>4,696,306.05</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2017

	Police Station Sr. Center	BSS Roadway	Sewer upgrades	Energy Performance Contract	Totals (Memo. Only)
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash	0.00	1,236,750.00	(790.35)	12,128.52	1,248,088.17
WPAT Receivable			0.00		0.00
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable			0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.					0.00
Total Assets	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,236,750.00</u>	<u>(790.35)</u>	<u>12,128.52</u>	<u>1,248,088.17</u>
<u>LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY</u>					
<u>Liabilities:</u>					
Warrants Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble			0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant			0.00	0.00	0.00
Bond Anticipation Note			0.00	0.00	0.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payable			<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<u>Fund Equity:</u>					
Reserved Fund Balance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,236,750.00</u>	<u>(790.35)</u>	<u>12,128.52</u>	<u>1,248,088.17</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,236,750.00</u>	<u>(790.35)</u>	<u>12,128.52</u>	<u>1,248,088.17</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,236,750.00</u>	<u>(790.35)</u>	<u>12,128.52</u>	<u>1,248,088.17</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2017

ASSETS

Cash		580,649.26
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	2,133.26	
Sewer User Fees	445,893.63	
Assessments	2,953,966.18	
Tax Liens - Sewer	<u>13,243.98</u>	
		<u>3,415,237.05</u>
Sewer Possessions		39,602.94
Total Assets		<u>4,035,489.25</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable		67,670.43
Deferred Revenue:		
Sewer Liens	2,133.26	
Sewer User Fees	445,893.63	
Assessments	2,953,966.18	
Tax Liens - Sewer	13,243.98	
Sewer possessions	<u>39,602.94</u>	
		<u>3,454,839.99</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>3,522,510.42</u>

Fund Equity:

Reserved for Expenditure		216,248.00
Reserved for Encumbrance		17,060.05
Retained Earnings		<u>279,670.78</u>
Total Fund Equity		<u>512,978.83</u>

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>4,035,489.25</u>
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Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2017

ASSETS

Cash	<u>48,871.26</u>
Total Assets	<u>48,871.26</u> -----

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable	<u>15,790.30</u>
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Total Liabilities	<u>15,790.30</u>
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Fund Equity:

Reserve for Expenditures	304.00
Retained Earnings	<u>32,776.96</u>

Total Fund Equity	<u>33,080.96</u>
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>48,871.26</u> -----
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Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2017

ASSETS

Cash	<u>2,900,040.88</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>2,900,040.88</u> -----

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Warrants Payable	<u>0.00</u>
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Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>
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Fund Equity:

Fund Balances:

Reserved	<u>2,900,040.88</u>
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Total Fund Equity	<u>2,900,040.88</u>
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Total Liabilities-& Fund Equity	<u>2,900,040.88</u>
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Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2017

ASSETS

Cash	<u>706,097.83</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>706,097.83</u> -----

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Fund Balances:

Reserved	<u>706,097.83</u>
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Total Fund Balance	<u>706,097.83</u>
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Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	<u>706,097.83</u> -----
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Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2017

	High School 2001	Tri-Lakes Incl. JBMS/04 Cap Loan-05	WWTP Upgrade/Exp MWPAT	Sewer Stadler St. MWPAT	Sewer Springfield Rd MWPAT	Sewer Pine Valley MWPAT	Sr. Center Loan	Land-Everett Fuller, Topping	Capital Projects 08	Sewer Trilakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer Trilakes #2 MWPAT	Sewer Jackson St. MWPAT	Sewer Howard St. MWPAT	Energy Savings Project	Route 181 Sewer Project	BSS Roadway	Patrick Center	Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick Leave	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS																				
Ant to be Provided for payment of debt																				
	7,705,000.00	255,200.00	1,106,200.00	95,000.00	115,000.00	240,000.00	95,000.00	142,500.00	419,300.00	790,000.00	1,662,175.37	966,124.28	396,849.00	2,120,000.00	250,000.00	1,250,000.00	160,000.00			17,768,348.65
Ant to be Provided for compensated absences																				
Total Assets	7,705,000.00	255,200.00	1,106,200.00	95,000.00	115,000.00	240,000.00	95,000.00	142,500.00	419,300.00	790,000.00	1,662,175.37	966,124.28	396,849.00	2,120,000.00	250,000.00	1,250,000.00	160,000.00	11,206.63	252,129.29	263,335.92
LIABILITIES																				
Bond Indebtedness																				
	7,705,000.00	255,200.00	1,106,200.00	95,000.00	115,000.00	240,000.00	95,000.00	142,500.00	419,300.00	790,000.00	1,662,175.37	966,124.28	396,849.00	2,120,000.00	250,000.00	1,250,000.00	160,000.00			17,768,348.65
Compensated Absences																				
Total Liabilities	7,705,000.00	255,200.00	1,106,200.00	95,000.00	115,000.00	240,000.00	95,000.00	142,500.00	419,300.00	790,000.00	1,662,175.37	966,124.28	396,849.00	2,120,000.00	250,000.00	1,250,000.00	160,000.00	11,206.63	252,129.29	18,031,684.57

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY18
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
Selectmen	\$14,716.00	\$14,276.69	\$439.31	
Town Administrator	\$239,152.00	\$238,691.92	\$460.08	
Ch. 137 Military Leave Pay	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Cable Access TV Operations	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
Finance Committee	\$250.00	\$204.00	\$46.00	
Reserve Fund	\$14,350.00	\$0.00	\$14,350.00	
Town Accountant	\$223,137.00	\$213,892.66	\$9,244.34	\$7,950.00
Computer Director	\$327,180.00	\$321,564.28	\$5,615.72	\$3,825.00
Assessors	\$308,537.00	\$302,982.07	\$5,554.93	\$100.00
Treasurer/Collector	\$303,472.00	\$303,025.53	\$446.47	\$90.00
Law Account	\$86,300.00	\$83,162.07	\$3,137.93	\$138.75
Town Clerk	\$140,321.00	\$138,293.68	\$2,027.32	
Election & Registration	\$51,150.00	\$40,212.75	\$10,937.25	
Conservation Commission	\$80,688.00	\$79,279.36	\$1,408.64	
Pioneer Valley Planning	\$2,253.00	\$2,252.28	\$0.72	
Planning Board	\$95,362.00	\$93,987.91	\$1,374.09	\$1,320.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$2,695.00	\$2,550.71	\$144.29	
EDIC	\$390.00	\$372.20	\$17.80	
Agricultural Commission	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Lakes Committee	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	
Mobile Home Rent Control	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Printing Town Report	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,579.24</u>	<u>\$920.76</u>	
	\$1,908,653.00	\$1,851,827.35	\$56,825.65	\$13,423.75
<u>PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY</u>				
Police Department	\$2,152,169.00	\$2,134,719.95	\$17,449.05	\$15,569.05
Fire/EMS Department	\$1,441,561.00	\$1,400,735.58	\$40,825.42	\$992.00
Hydrant Service	\$26,256.00	\$25,956.00	\$300.00	
Injured on Duty	\$4,999.00	\$0.00	\$4,999.00	
Regional Lockup Assessment	\$13,917.00	\$13,917.00	\$0.00	
Inspection Services	\$169,215.00	\$165,719.42	\$3,495.58	
Civil Defense	\$1,560.00	\$785.26	\$774.74	
Dog Officer	<u>\$72,113.00</u>	<u>\$70,760.31</u>	<u>\$1,352.69</u>	\$60.00
	\$3,881,790.00	\$3,812,593.52	\$69,196.48	\$16,621.05
<u>EDUCATION</u>				
Town Schools	\$27,785,521.00	\$27,731,846.07	\$53,674.93	\$53,674.93
Regional School	<u>\$1,322,457.00</u>	<u>\$1,319,702.00</u>	<u>\$2,755.00</u>	
	\$29,107,978.00	\$29,051,548.07	\$56,429.93	\$53,674.93

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	□ Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY18
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>				
Personal Services	\$832,693.00	\$826,277.25	\$6,415.75	
Professional Engineering	\$69,390.00	\$46,727.15	\$22,662.85	\$21,690.22
Administration	\$22,070.00	\$20,802.24	\$1,267.76	
Snow & Ice Control	\$307,516.00	\$307,515.99 *	\$0.01	
Street Lighting	\$39,800.00	\$37,646.12	\$2,153.88	
Road Machinery	\$168,500.00	\$167,801.08	\$698.92	
Streets/Construction/Maint.	\$166,240.00	\$165,611.87	\$628.13	\$500.00
Town Garage	\$34,240.00	\$33,391.95	\$848.05	
Hired Services	\$181,200.00	\$181,068.71	\$131.29	
Maintenance/Grounds	\$451,350.00	\$437,993.15	\$13,356.85	\$125.08
Lawrence Memorial Hall	\$51,390.00	\$51,345.03	\$44.97	
Finnerty House	\$13,220.00	\$13,141.64	\$78.36	
EMS Building	\$10,650.00	\$9,930.23	\$719.77	
Police Station	\$47,505.00	\$47,505.00	\$0.00	
Senior Center Building	\$43,290.00	\$43,290.00	\$0.00	
Recreation Building	\$17,465.00	\$16,474.42	\$990.58	
Freedom Center	\$13,922.00	\$13,661.22	\$260.78	
Franklin School Building	\$6,410.00	\$6,410.00	\$0.00	
Animal Control Building	\$10,789.00	\$10,789.00	\$0.00	
Fire Station	\$34,365.00	\$33,863.60	\$501.40	
Tadgell-MEMA Space	\$22,726.00	\$22,726.00	\$0.00	
Old Town Hall	\$7,170.00	\$7,063.65	\$106.35	
Town Common	\$5,150.00	\$5,149.12	\$0.88	
Town Clock	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	
Cemetery Department	<u>\$30,850.00</u>	<u>\$30,850.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$2,588,501.00	\$2,537,634.42	\$50,866.58	\$22,315.30
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>				
Board of Health	\$20,471.00	\$12,374.84	\$8,096.16	\$688.69
Quabbin Health District	\$140,065.96	\$140,065.96	\$0.00	
Council on Aging	\$517,248.00	\$496,980.11	\$20,267.89	
Veterans' Services	<u>\$283,964.00</u>	<u>\$237,338.65</u>	<u>\$46,625.35</u>	
	\$961,748.96	\$886,759.56	\$74,989.40	\$688.69
<u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u>				
Clapp Memorial Library	\$459,667.00	\$455,278.32	\$4,388.68	
Recreation Department	\$261,397.00	\$259,574.49	\$1,822.51	
Recreation - Pool	\$32,630.00	\$28,001.96	\$4,628.04	
Town Beach	\$1,550.00	\$1,550.00	\$0.00	
Historical Commission	\$500.00	\$134.52	\$365.48	\$118.00
Historic District	\$348.00	\$0.00	\$348.00	
Patriotic Exercises	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	
	\$756,392.00	\$744,539.29	\$11,852.71	\$118.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY18
<u>INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED</u>				
Unclassified	\$52,475.00	\$44,928.71	\$7,546.29	
Council of Governments	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	
Pensions	\$2,537,763.00	\$2,537,763.00	\$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
Unemployment	\$3,661.00	\$0.00	\$3,661.00	
Health Insurance-Town Share	\$1,058,075.00	\$1,051,324.37	\$6,750.63	
Group Life-Town Share	\$4,000.00	\$2,775.34	\$1,224.66	
Medicare-Town Share	\$102,500.00	\$100,603.04	\$1,896.96	
General Insurance	\$355,223.00	\$339,549.52	\$15,673.48	
One-time/Capital	\$32,569.37	\$5,164.29	\$27,405.08	\$27,405.08
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$4,152,016.37	\$4,085,858.27	\$66,158.10	\$27,405.08

DEBT & INTEREST

Maturing Debt	\$1,980,000.00	\$1,980,000.00	\$0.00	
Interest	<u>\$536,554.00</u>	<u>\$535,908.25</u>	<u>\$645.75</u>	
	\$2,516,554.00	\$2,515,908.25	\$645.75	\$0.00

ENCUMBERED FUNDS

General Government	\$12,079.60	\$9,074.86	\$3,004.74	\$2,955.42
Protection of Persons & Prop.	\$2,803.09	\$2,799.94	\$3.15	
School Department	\$111,485.04	\$101,325.93	\$10,159.11	
Public Works	\$5,764.60	\$5,764.60	\$0.00	
One Time, Capital	\$210,260.68	\$130,251.98	\$80,008.70	\$80,000.00
Human Services	\$21,038.79	\$21,022.38	\$16.41	
Culture & Recreation	<u>\$554.68</u>	<u>\$554.68</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	\$363,986.48	\$270,794.37	\$93,192.11	\$82,955.42

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY18
<u>SUMMARY</u>				
General Government	\$1,908,653.00	\$1,851,827.35	\$56,825.65	\$13,423.75
Protection of Persons/Property	\$3,881,790.00	\$3,812,593.52	\$69,196.48	\$16,621.05
Education	\$29,107,978.00	\$29,051,548.07	\$56,429.93	\$53,674.93
Public Works	\$2,588,501.00	\$2,537,634.42	\$50,866.58	\$22,315.30
Human Services	\$961,748.96	\$886,759.56	\$74,989.40	\$688.69
Culture & Recreation	\$756,392.00	\$744,539.29	\$11,852.71	\$118.00
Insurance & Unclassified	\$4,152,016.37	\$4,085,858.27	\$66,158.10	\$27,405.08
Debt & Interest	<u>\$2,516,554.00</u>	<u>\$2,515,908.25</u>	<u>\$645.75</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$45,873,633.33	\$45,486,668.73	\$386,964.60	\$134,246.80
Encumbered Funds	<u>\$363,986.48</u>	<u>\$270,794.37</u>	<u>\$93,192.11</u>	<u>\$82,955.42</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$46,237,619.81</u>	<u>\$45,757,463.10</u>	<u>\$480,156.71</u>	<u>\$217,202.22</u>

*Reserve fund transfers not shown as expense. Budget amt is ending balance amt.

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2017

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE (TRUSTS)		TOTALS (Memo. Only)
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable	Non-Expendable	
Revenue:								
Taxes	25,481,394.68							25,481,394.68
State Receipts	17,394,428.05							17,394,428.05
Excise Taxes	2,011,735.69							2,011,735.69
Lieu Taxes	328,509.96							328,509.96
Licenses & Permits	323,869.60							323,869.60
Special Assessments	0.00							0.00
Interest	196,229.71	5,943.85		4,997.02		27,220.11		234,390.69
Fines & Forfeits	35,585.00							35,585.00
Departmental Revenue	385,007.88	2,965,481.86		1,695,440.21	292,794.48			5,338,724.43
Fees	67,827.00							67,827.00
Rentals	53,745.26							53,745.26
Umass Transit	30,388.00							30,388.00
Other Miscellaneous	63,181.03	292,586.63					8,100.00	363,867.66
Grants		2,955,205.32						2,955,205.32
Performance Guarantees		28,600.00						28,600.00
Gifts		210,529.02						210,529.02
Temporary Loans		236,000.00	250,000.00					566,000.00
MWPAT	80,000.00							0.00
Bond Proceeds			1,250,000.00					1,250,000.00
Total Revenues	46,451,901.86	6,694,346.68	1,500,000.00	1,700,437.23	292,794.48	27,220.11	8,100.00	56,674,800.36
Expenditures:								
General Government	1,851,827.35	703,536.40						2,555,363.75
Protection of Persons & Property	3,812,593.52	390,685.85						4,203,279.37
Education	29,051,548.07	2,719,914.76				6,100.00		31,777,562.83
Public Works	2,537,634.42	741,588.33		828,571.24	273,842.72			4,381,636.71
Human Services	886,759.56	244,569.43				5,444.51		1,136,773.50
Culture & Recreation	744,539.29	396,627.30						1,141,166.59
Insurance & Unclassified	4,085,858.27							4,085,858.27
Debt & Interest	2,515,908.25			883,946.13				3,399,854.38

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2017

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE		TOTALS (Memo. Only)
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable	Non-Expendable	
Expenditures (continued):								
State Assessments	1,318,496.00							1,318,496.00
Prior Year Expenditures	270,794.37			37,316.93				308,111.30
Land Purchase			195,175.02					0.00
Construction								195,175.02
Equipment								0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds								0.00
Temporary Loan	<u>160,000.00</u>		<u>265,000.00</u>					<u>425,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>47,235,959.10</u>	<u>5,196,922.07</u>	<u>460,175.02</u>	<u>1,749,834.30</u>	<u>273,842.72</u>	<u>11,544.51</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>54,928,277.72</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(784,057.24)	1,497,424.61	1,039,824.98	(49,397.07)	18,951.76	15,675.60	8,100.00	1,746,522.64
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Operating Transfers In	1,557,551.43	0.00	0.00	116,828.00	0.00	560,000.00	0.00	2,234,379.43
Operating Transfers Out	<u>666,828.00</u>	<u>837,030.77</u>	<u>10,520.66</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>560,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,074,379.43</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>890,723.43</u>	<u>(837,030.77)</u>	<u>(10,520.66)</u>	<u>116,828.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>160,000.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	106,666.19	660,393.84	1,029,304.32	67,430.93	18,951.76	15,675.60	8,100.00	1,906,522.64
Audit Adjustment *								0.00
Fund Balance 7-1-16	<u>1,809,025.18</u>	<u>3,410,031.15</u>	<u>218,783.85</u>	<u>445,547.90</u>	<u>14,129.20</u>	<u>2,884,365.28</u>	<u>697,997.83</u>	<u>9,479,880.39</u>
Fund Balance 6-30-17	<u>1,915,691.37</u>	<u>4,070,424.99</u>	<u>1,248,088.17</u>	<u>512,978.83</u>	<u>33,080.96</u>	<u>2,900,040.88</u>	<u>706,097.83</u>	<u>11,386,403.03</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Taxes	25,349,093.24	25,481,394.68	132,301.44
State Receipts	17,478,963.00	17,394,428.05	(84,534.95)
Excise Taxes	1,750,000.00	2,011,735.69	261,735.69
Lieu Taxes	324,200.00	328,509.96	4,309.96
Licenses & Permits	237,450.00	323,869.60	86,419.60
Interest	174,500.00	196,229.71	21,729.71
Fines & Forfeits	37,700.00	35,585.00	(2,115.00)
Departmental Revenue	261,750.00	385,007.88	123,257.88
Fees	71,700.00	67,827.00	(3,873.00)
Rentals	56,400.00	53,745.26	(2,654.74)
Umass Transit	0.00	30,388.00	30,388.00
Other (Misc + Mema)	0.00	63,181.03	63,181.03
Temporary Loans	<u>0.00</u>	<u>80,000.00</u>	<u>80,000.00</u>
Total Revenues	45,741,756.24	46,451,901.86	710,145.62
Expenditures:			
General Government	1,908,653.00	1,851,827.35	56,825.65
Protection of Persons & Property	3,881,790.00	3,812,593.52	69,196.48
Education	29,107,978.00	29,051,548.07	56,429.93
Public Works	2,588,501.00	2,537,634.42	50,866.58
Human Services	961,748.96	886,759.56	74,989.40
Culture & Recreation	756,392.00	744,539.29	11,852.71
Insurance & Unclassified	4,152,016.37	4,085,858.27	66,158.10
Debt & Interest	2,516,554.00	2,515,908.25	645.75
State Assessments	1,442,404.00	1,318,496.00	123,908.00
Prior Year Expenditures	363,986.48	270,794.37	93,192.11
Temporary Loans	<u>0.00</u>	<u>160,000.00</u>	<u>(160,000.00)</u>
Total Expenditures	47,680,023.81	47,235,959.10	444,064.71
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)			
Expenditures		<u>(784,057.24)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	1,321,431.37	1,557,551.43	
Operating Transfers Out	<u>666,828.00</u>	<u>666,828.00</u>	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>654,603.37</u>	<u>890,723.43</u>	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing			
Sources Over (Under) Expenditures			
& Other Financing Uses		106,666.19	
Fund Balance 7/1/16		<u>1,809,025.18</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/17		<u>1,915,691.37</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2017

	CPA	Highways	Federal	GRANTS State	School Lunch	School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Revenues:									
Grants	45,135.00	749,781.03	827,810.49	266,460.81	206,688.88		859,329.11		2,955,205.32
Collections & Fees	229,403.00		33,878.13	23,142.00	361,448.40	242,238.17	1,720,822.58	354,549.58	2,965,481.86
Interest	1,288.62			113.20	262.46		59.53	4,220.04	5,943.85
Performance Guarantees								28,600.00	28,600.00
Gifts			5,405.41				205,123.61		210,529.02
Temporary Loans	236,000.00			4,800.00	250.00		6,840.00	280,696.63	236,000.00
Other									<u>292,586.63</u>
Total Revenues	511,826.62	749,781.03	867,094.03	294,516.01	568,649.74	242,238.17	2,792,174.83	668,066.25	6,694,346.68
Expenditures:									
General Government	377,551.44			125,734.00			143,450.33	56,800.63	703,536.40
Protection of Persons & Property			1,927.17	62,551.95			31,714.60	294,492.13	390,685.85
Education			813,810.81	85,005.76	667,331.38	214,800.82	683,540.04	255,425.95	2,719,914.76
Department of Public Works		655,524.99		19,789.44			56,343.90	9,930.00	741,588.33
Human Services			145,501.70	74,574.21			24,493.52	0.00	244,569.43
Culture & Recreation				25,323.29			371,304.01		396,627.30
Debt & Interest									<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>377,551.44</u>	<u>655,524.99</u>	<u>961,239.68</u>	<u>392,978.65</u>	<u>667,331.38</u>	<u>214,800.82</u>	<u>1,310,846.40</u>	<u>616,648.71</u>	<u>5,196,922.07</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	134,275.18	94,256.04	(94,145.65)	(98,462.64)	(98,681.64)	27,437.35	1,481,328.43	51,417.54	1,497,424.61
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									0.00
Operating Transfers In									<u>837,030.77</u>
Operating Transfers Out									
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(837,030.77)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(837,030.77)</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2017

	CPA	Highways	Federal	GRANTS		School Lunch	School Revolving	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
				State						
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under)										
Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	134,275.18	94,256.04	(94,145.65)	(98,462.64)	(98,681.64)		27,437.35	644,297.66	51,417.54	660,393.84
Audit Adjustments										0.00
Balance 7-1-16	<u>660,762.74</u>	<u>(98,070.74)</u>	<u>(41,018.29)</u>	<u>52,568.83</u>	<u>63,691.02</u>		<u>47,993.28</u>	<u>2,584,742.60</u>	<u>139,361.71</u>	<u>3,410,031.15</u>
Balance 6-30-17	<u>795,037.92</u>	<u>(3,814.70)</u>	<u>(135,163.94)</u>	<u>(45,893.81)</u>	<u>(34,990.62)</u>		<u>75,430.63</u>	<u>3,229,040.26</u>	<u>190,779.25</u>	<u>4,070,424.99</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2017

	Police Station/ Sr. Center	WWTP & Other Sewer	Energy Performance Contract	BSS Roadway	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:					
Interest					\$0.00
MWPAT					\$0.00
USDA Grant					\$0.00
USDA Loan					\$0.00
Rebates					\$0.00
Temporary Loans		250,000.00			\$250,000.00
Bond Proceeds				<u>\$1,250,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,250,000.00</u>
Total Revenue	0.00	250,000.00	0.00	1,250,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
Expenditures:					
Construction		\$75,752.85	\$106,172.17	\$13,250.00	\$195,175.02
Equipment					\$0.00
Return of Unexpended Funds					\$0.00
Temporary Loans		265,000.00			<u>\$265,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$340,752.85</u>	<u>\$106,172.17</u>	<u>\$13,250.00</u>	<u>\$460,175.02</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$0.00	(\$90,752.85)	(\$106,172.17)	\$1,236,750.00	(\$196,925.02)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In					\$0.00
Operation Transfers Out	<u>(\$10,520.66)</u>				<u>(\$10,520.66)</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(\$10,520.66)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$10,520.66)</u>
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	(\$10,520.66)	(\$90,752.85)	(\$106,172.17)	\$1,236,750.00	\$1,029,304.32
Fund Balance 7-1-16	<u>\$10,520.66</u>	<u>\$89,962.50</u>	<u>\$118,300.69</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$218,783.85</u>
Fund Balance 6-30-17	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$790.35)</u>	<u>\$12,128.52</u>	<u>\$1,236,750.00</u>	<u>\$1,248,088.17</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	1,366,000.00	1,411,876.50	45,876.50
Sewer Assessments	157,300.00	223,770.08	66,470.08
Sewer Connections	20,000.00	59,728.63	39,728.63
Interest	0.00	4,997.02	4,997.02
Dumping Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>65.00</u>	<u>65.00</u>
Total Revenue	1,543,300.00	1,700,437.23	157,137.23
Expenditures:			
Environmental	904,550.00	828,571.24	75,978.76
Debt & Interest	944,038.00	883,946.13	60,091.87
Prior Year Expenditures	<u>40,840.13</u>	<u>37,316.93</u>	<u>3,523.20</u>
Total Expenditures	1,889,428.13	1,749,834.30	136,070.63
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		<u>(49,397.07)</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	152,512.00	116,828.00	35,684.00
Operating Transfers Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>152,512.00</u>	<u>116,828.00</u>	<u>35,684.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		67,430.93	
Fund Balance 7/1/16		<u>445,547.90</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/17		<u>512,978.83</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	275,000.00	291,268.00	16,268.00
Sale of Recycling	2,700.00	<u>1,526.48</u>	<u>(1,173.52)</u>
Total Revenue	277,700.00	292,794.48	15,094.48
Expenditures:			
Environmental	291,308.00	273,842.72	17,465.28
Hazardous Waste			
Total Expenditures	299,937.00	273,842.72	26,094.28
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)			
Expenditures		<u>18,951.76</u>	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing			
Sources Over (Under) Expenditures			
and Other Financing (Uses)		<u>18,951.76</u>	
Fund Balance 7/1/16		<u>14,129.20</u>	
Fund Balance 6/30/17		<u>33,080.96</u>	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds

Statement of Changes in Fund Balance For Period Ended June 30, 2017

	Balance 7/1/2016	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2017
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman Whiting Street	\$238,985.75 \$54,933.34		\$4,971.96 \$503.40	\$5,711.67			\$238,246.04 \$55,436.74	\$238,246.04 \$55,436.74
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	\$5,679.34		\$59.51				\$5,738.85	\$5,738.85
Calvin Bridgman High School	\$16,786.93		\$176.65				\$16,963.58	\$16,963.58
Lillian Moffatt Scholarship	\$77,232.71		\$476.81	\$5,000.00			\$72,709.52	\$72,709.52
Pazasis Scholarship	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
C. Schott Memorial Scholarsh	\$12,784.91		\$67.82	\$1,000.00			\$11,852.73	\$11,852.73
Hansbury Scholarship	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Shumway Scholarship	\$2,131.40		\$14.06	\$100.00			\$2,045.46	\$2,045.46
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	\$2,468.16		\$50.17				\$2,518.33	\$2,518.33
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	\$4,264.56		\$49.34				\$4,313.90	\$4,313.90
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	\$71,297.74		\$567.17	(\$510.00)			\$72,374.91	\$72,374.91
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	\$51,815.69		\$1,896.38				\$53,712.07	\$53,712.07
Susan M.D. Bridgman	\$1,548.28		\$13.53				\$1,561.81	\$1,561.81
Nellie E. Brown	\$2,413.20		\$20.97	\$242.84			\$2,191.33	\$2,191.33
Willard Stebbins	\$2,592.36		\$31.74				\$2,624.10	\$2,624.10
Vianna E. Somes	\$2,832.44		\$24.29				\$2,856.73	\$2,856.73
E. Schmidt Memorial	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Penson Fund								
Retirement Trust	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Conservation Fund	\$921.41		\$7.14				\$928.55	\$928.55
OPEB Liability Trust	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$60.72				\$10,060.72	\$10,060.72
Stabilization Fund	\$2,201,052.82	\$550,000.00	\$16,740.91		(\$560,000.00)		\$2,207,793.73	\$2,207,793.73
Workers' Compensation Fund	\$134,624.24		\$1,487.54				\$136,111.78	\$136,111.78
	<u>\$2,884,365.28</u>	<u>\$560,000.00</u>	<u>\$27,220.11</u>	<u>\$11,544.51</u>	<u>(\$560,000.00)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,900,040.88</u>	<u>\$2,900,040.88</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2017

	Balance 7/1/2016	Additions	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance 6/30/2017
Poor Funds:				
Susan M. D. Bridgman	512,860.69			512,860.69
Whiting Street	10,000.00			10,000.00
School Funds:				
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00			2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00			6,000.00
Library Fund:				
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00			4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:				
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00			2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:				
Senior Center Memorial	0.00			0.00
Penson Fund:				
Pensions	0.00			0.00
Retirement Trust	0.00			0.00
Cemetery Funds:				
Perpetual Care	158,037.14	8,100.00		166,137.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00			200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00			1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00			1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	<u>300.00</u>			<u>300.00</u>
	<u>697,997.83</u>	<u>8,100.00</u>		<u>706,097.83</u>

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2017

	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	3,238,597.08	608,908.83	3,847,505.91
2019	3,219,436.85	508,494.19	3,727,931.04
2020	2,625,452.74	406,476.68	3,031,929.42
2021	2,402,580.07	304,615.48	2,707,195.55
2022	2,394,683.40	210,335.14	2,605,018.54
2023	856,901.17	114,478.11	971,379.28
2024	869,162.59	78,791.67	947,954.26
2025	490,062.17	61,594.96	551,657.13
2026	487,488.37	44,457.83	531,946.20
2027	489,963.04	27,261.93	517,224.97
2028	222,487.17	15,930.55	238,417.72
2029	124,903.00	11,506.65	136,409.65
2030	125,507.00	8,052.55	133,559.55
2031	126,124.00	4,586.24	130,710.24
2032	95,000.00	1,425.00	96,425.00
	<u>17,768,348.65</u>	<u>2,406,915.81</u>	<u>20,078,839.46</u>

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER -- JULY 1, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2016	\$ 11,325,027.31	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	\$ 64,872,031.73
RECEIPTS	\$ 66,950,667.08	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2017	\$ 13,403,662.66
	\$ 78,275,694.39		\$ 78,275,694.39
INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, BUT EXCLUDING TRUST FUNDS, SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION FUND \$ 50,955.90			
ACCOUNT	BALANCE 7/1/2016	DEPOSITS	SPECIAL ACCOUNTS
SCHOOL FUNDS			INTEREST & DIVIDENDS TRANSFERS&W/D
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	\$ 22,786.93		
GEORGE LONGLEY	\$ 7,679.34		\$ 176.65
TAX SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 486.27	\$ 285.02	\$ 59.51
LILLIAN MOFFATT SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 77,232.71		\$ 12.45
CAROLYN SCHOTT SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 12,784.91		\$ 476.81
SHUMWAY SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 2,131.40		\$ 67.82
			\$ 14.06
CEMETERY FUNDS			
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	\$ 1,748.28		\$ 13.53
WILLARD STEBBINS	\$ 4,092.36		\$ 31.74
VIANNA SOMES	\$ 3,132.44		\$ 24.29
NELLIE BROWN	\$ 3,413.20		\$ 20.97
PERPETUAL CARE	\$ 209,852.83	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 1,896.38
POOR FUNDS			
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	\$ 751,846.44		\$ 4,971.93
WHITING STREET	\$ 64,933.34	\$ -	\$ 503.40
MISC FUNDS			
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	\$ 6,364.56		\$ 49.34
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	\$ 6,468.16		\$ 50.17
CONSERVATION	\$ 921.41		\$ 7.14
SENIOR CENTER	\$ 71,297.74	\$ 510.00	\$ 567.17
STABILIZATION FUND	\$ 2,201,052.82		\$ 16,740.91
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	\$ 134,624.24		\$ 1,487.54
DRUG FORFEITURE ACCOUNT	\$ 16,602.43		\$ (25.42)
CULTURAL COUNCIL	\$ 3,798.40	\$ 3,742.00	\$ 113.20
TOTALS \$	\$ 3,603,250.21	\$ 12,637.02	\$ 27,259.59
			\$ (28,685.74)
			\$ 3,614,461.08

NOTE & PURPOSE	FUNDS BORROWED DURING	THE PERIOD	JULY 1, 2016- JUNE 30, 2017	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
FROM		DATED	AMOUNT		
#995-RTE 181 SEWER & PATRICK CENTEF	EASTHAMPTON SAVINGS BANK	9/30/2016	\$ 345,000.00	12/15/2016	0.73%
#996-PARSONS FIELD	EASTHAMPTON SAVINGS BANK	6/5/2017	\$ 310,000.00	6/5/2018	1.24%
REFUNDED 2005 BOND ISSUE	ROOSEVELT & CROSS, INC.	12/15/2016	\$ 255,200.00	12/15/2019	2.30%
REFUNDED 2008 BOND ISSUE	ROOSEVELT & CROSS, INC.	12/15/2016	\$ 561,800.00	12/15/2026	2.30%
FISCAL 2017 CAPITAL- NEW BOND ISSUE	ROOSEVELT & CROSS, INC.	12/15/2016	\$ 1,660,000.00	12/15/2031	2.30%

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER, TOWN TREASURER

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
TOWN / TAX COLLECTOR
REPORT
7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017

FISCAL 2014 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016		\$	932.79
COLLECTED	\$	932.79	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2017	\$	-	
	\$	932.79	\$ 932.79

CPA 2015

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016		\$	33.54
COLLECTED	\$	33.54	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017	\$	-	
	\$	33.54	\$ 33.54

FISCAL 2015 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016		\$	23,075.67
TO TAX TITLE	\$	3,793.65	
COLLECTED	\$	19,282.02	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2017	\$	-	
	\$	23,075.67	\$ 23,075.67

CPA 2016

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016		\$	1,611.10
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	185.89
TO TAX TITLE	\$	177.38	
COLLECTED	\$	1,573.33	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017	\$	46.28	
	\$	1,796.99	\$ 1,796.99

FISCAL 2016 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016		\$	301,029.97
REFUND		\$	915.26
TO TAX TITLE	\$	21,162.92	
COLLECTED	\$	248,061.50	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2017	\$	32,720.81	
	\$	301,945.23	\$ 301,945.23

CPA 2017

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016		\$	110,602.20
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	119,955.86
REFUNDED		\$	244.85
TO TAX TITLE	\$	564.59	
ABATED	\$	1,723.91	
COLLECTED	\$	226,645.65	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017	\$	1,868.76	
	\$	230,802.91	\$ 230,802.91

REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2016

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016		\$	1,214.45
COMMITTED		\$	15,608.35
COLLECTED	\$	16,822.80	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2017	\$	-	
	\$	16,822.80	\$ 16,822.80

CPA 2018

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	116,905.12
COLLECTED	\$	244.02	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017	\$	116,661.10	
	\$	116,905.12	\$ 116,905.12

FISCAL 2017 REAL ESTATE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016		\$	12,086,673.72
COMMITTED		\$	12,836,883.81
REFUNDED		\$	64,692.15
TO TAX TITLE	\$	75,062.90	
ABATED	\$	114,465.43	
COLLECTED	\$	24,490,955.20	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2017	\$	307,766.15	
	\$	24,988,249.68	\$ 24,988,249.68

2016 SEWER CHARGES

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016		\$	400,300.84
REFUND		\$	4,142.97
TO LIEN	\$	48,885.04	
COLLECTED	\$	355,558.77	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017	\$	-	
	\$	404,443.81	\$ 404,443.81

REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2017

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	48,662.96
REFUNDED		\$	0.41
COLLECTED	\$	34,739.46	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017	\$	13,923.91	
	\$	48,663.37	\$ 48,663.37

2016 SEWER LIENS

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016		\$	4,368.08
TO TAX TITLE	\$	5.61	
ABATED	\$	1,164.79	
COLLECTED	\$	3,197.68	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017	\$	-	
	\$	4,368.08	\$ 4,368.08

FISCAL 2018 REAL ESTATE

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	12,644,929.56
COLLECTED	\$	45,636.31	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017	\$	12,599,293.25	
	\$	12,644,929.56	\$ 12,644,929.56

2017 SEWER CHARGES

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	1,454,561.41
REFUNDED		\$	766.05
ABATED	\$	836.88	
COLLECTED	\$	1,008,596.95	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017	\$	445,893.63	
	\$	1,455,327.46	\$ 1,455,327.46

2012 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016		\$	5,911.38
ABATED	\$	4,742.11	
COLLECTED	\$	1,169.27	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2017	\$	-	
	\$	5,911.38	\$ 5,911.38

2017 SEWER LIENS

COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		\$	53,632.32
REFUNDED		\$	587.52
TO TAX LIEN	\$	887.11	
ABATED	\$	1,179.83	
COLLECTED	\$	50,019.64	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017	\$	2,133.26	
	\$	54,219.84	\$ 54,219.84

2013 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016		\$	7,660.07
ABATED	\$	55.00	
COLLECTED	\$	1,147.71	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017	\$	6,457.36	
	\$	7,660.07	\$ 7,660.07

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
TOWN / TAX COLLECTOR
REPORT
7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017

2014 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 10,992.32
REFUND \$ 2,226.15
ABATED \$ 2,294.48
COLLECTED \$ 2,446.58
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017 \$ 8,477.41
\$ 13,218.47 \$ 13,218.47

2015 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016 \$ 25,818.22
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 36.25
REFUND \$ 1,615.62
ABATED \$ 1,811.45
COLLECTED \$ 14,480.14
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2017 \$ 11,178.50
\$ 27,470.09 \$ 27,470.09

2016 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 224,397.07
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 202,240.32
REFUND \$ 16,801.61
ABATED \$ 24,454.53
COLLECTED \$ 389,365.14
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017 \$ 29,619.33
\$ 443,439.00 \$ 443,439.00

2017 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 1,893,192.90
REFUNDED \$ 10,987.20
ABATED \$ 57,756.49
COLLECTED \$ 1,536,352.18
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017 \$ 310,071.43
\$ 1,904,180.10 \$ 1,904,180.10

2016 TRILAKES BETT
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 3,580.76
REFUNDED \$ 17.38
TO TAX TITLE \$ 687.09
COLLECTED \$ 2,911.05
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017 \$ -
\$ 3,598.14 \$ 3,598.14

2017 TRILAKES BETT
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 149,380.10
TO TAX TITLE \$ 2,051.40
COLLECTED \$ 145,454.87
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017 \$ 1,873.83
\$ 149,380.10 \$ 149,380.10

TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016 \$ 1,196,417.68
COMMITTED INT IN ADVANCE \$ 313.01
APPORTIONED FY17 RE \$ 143,634.71
COLLECTED \$ 75,268.01
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2017 \$ 977,827.97
\$ 1,196,730.69 \$ 1,196,730.69

FISCAL 2010 PERS PROP
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ -
REFUND \$ 8,880.08
ABATED \$ 8,880.08
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017 \$ -
\$ 8,880.08 \$ 8,880.08

FISCAL 2011 PERS PROP
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ -
REFUND \$ 9,094.07
ABATED \$ 9,094.07
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017 \$ -
\$ 9,094.07 \$ 9,094.07

FISCAL 2013 PERS PROP
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 4,795.30
ABATED \$ 41.21
COLLECTED \$ 4,754.09
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2017 \$ -
\$ 4,795.30 \$ 4,795.30

FISCAL 2014 PERS PROP
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 5,707.97
COLLECTED \$ 1,597.99
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017 \$ 4,109.98
\$ 5,707.97 \$ 5,707.97

FISCAL 2015 PERS PROP
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 4,300.44
ABATED \$ 56.35
COLLECTED \$ 1,417.42
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017 \$ 2,826.67
\$ 4,300.44 \$ 4,300.44

FISCAL 2016 PERS PROP
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 6,374.10
REFUND \$ 0.01
ABATED \$ 647.38
COLLECTED \$ 3,298.22
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017 \$ 2,428.51
\$ 6,374.11 \$ 6,374.11

FISCAL 2017 PERS PROP
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016 \$ 257,150.91
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 285,931.88
REFUNDED \$ 344.21
ABATED \$ 167.44
COLLECTED \$ 538,534.49
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017 \$ 4,725.07
\$ 543,427.00 \$ 543,427.00

FISCAL 2018 PERS PROP
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION \$ 274,014.79
COLLECTED \$ 10,497.91
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017 \$ 263,516.88
\$ 274,014.79 \$ 274,014.79

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
TOWN / TAX COLLECTOR
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MISCELLANEOUS REC.
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016
COMMITTED
COLLECTED
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2017

\$	50,620.07		
\$	54,286.31		
\$	75,497.06	\$	75,497.06

51339.52
53566.86

COMSTAR
AMBULANCE ACCOUNT
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2016
COMMITTED FOR COLL.
REFUNDED
ABATED
COLLECTED
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2017

\$	581,282.85
\$	1,920,432.12
\$	6,671.10
\$ 1,186,739.97	
\$ 701,995.67	
\$ 619,650.43	
\$ 2,508,386.07	\$ 2,508,386.07

TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR
JULY 1, 2016- JUNE 30, 2017

TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$29,434,171.72
AMBULANCE ACCT	\$ 701,995.67
TOTAL	\$30,136,167.39

TAXES, LIENS, EXCISES	\$29,055,251.78
INTEREST/FEES	\$ 149,869.83
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 265.02
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT/INT	\$ 228,785.09
AMBULANCE ACCT	\$ 701,995.67
TOTAL	\$30,136,167.39

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER

	TOWN CLERK												
	2017 FINANCIAL REPORT												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
B-M-D CERTIFIED COPY	448.00	432.00	840.00	216.00	607.00	986.00	426.00	1200.00	160.00	810.00	900.00	460.00	7485.00
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	20.00	40.00	120.00	80.00	200.00	260.00	90.00	240.00	150.00	210.00	30.00	40.00	1480.00
BOARD OF APPEALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
BURIAL PERMIT	60.00	45.00	30.00	0.00	45.00	105.00	15.00	45.00	15.00	60.00	45.00	30.00	495.00
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	80.00	240.00	240.00	200.00	140.00	260.00	200.00	600.00	80.00	360.00	120.00	160.00	2680.00
CIVIL DISPOSITION MGL94C	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
DOG FINES	100.00	360.00	1733.00	973.00	1010.00	225.00	180.00	240.00	120.00	10.00	350.00	150.00	5451.00
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	80.00	70.00	245.00	145.00	140.00	290.00	60.00	350.00	130.00	580.00	0.00	0.00	2090.00
DOG LICENSE	9613.00	3794.00	2289.00	565.00	628.00	369.00	337.00	399.00	164.00	40.00	2050.00	4534.00	24782.00
DOG GIFT FUND	112.00	41.00	137.00	25.00	600.00	385.00	863.00	2809.00	420.00	1415.00	750.00	625.00	8182.00
FUEL/GAS REGISTRATION	0.00	0.00	2300.00	75.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2575.00
HISTORICAL APPLICATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PARKING CITATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PLANNING BOARD FEE	0.00	100.00	925.00	925.00	1500.00	1350.00	325.00	725.00	0.00	150.00	225.00	625.00	6850.00
POLE ORDER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00	30.00	0.00	180.00
RAFFLE PERMIT	60.00	15.00	15.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
STREET LIST BK/DISK	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	140.00
ZONING/SUBDIVISION BKS	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
MSC SALES	16.00	2.00	10.00	6.00	0.00	53.80	32.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	125.80
TOTAL	10589.00	5139.00	9004.00	3310.00	5220.00	4463.80	2628.00	7080.00	1239.00	3935.00	4520.00	6628.00	63755.80
Respectfully Submitted,													
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte													
Town Clerk													

TOWN CLERK – VITAL STATISTICS

2016 Vital Statistics received after last years Annual Report

<u>Births:</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Beverly		1
	Northampton	2	

2017 VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Births:</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	Belchertown		2
	Boston		1
	Greenfield	1	1
	Holyoke	2	2
	Northampton	10	14
	Springfield	33	48
	Worcester	<u>1</u>	—
		47	68

<u>Marriages:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Belchertown Resident	51	49
Non-Resident	15	15

Married in Belchertown: 26

Married Out-of-Town: 39

<u>Deaths:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Belchertown Resident	55	38
Non-Resident	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
	57	39

Place of Death:

Agawam	1	Northampton	5
Amherst	1	Palmer	14
Belchertown	36	South Hadley	3
Boston	2	Springfield	10
Chicopee	2	Ware	2
Granby	1	Wilbraham	2
Hadley	10	Worcester	1
Holyoke	5	West Brookfield	1

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION - BELCHERTOWN
MAY 15, 2017**

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**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION - BELCHERTOWN
MAY 15, 2017**

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
Housing Authority								
4 year	Judith O'Kulsky		2	9	6	0	17	
Vote for one		Sundry Writeins	5	9	12	4	30	
		Blanks	<u>406</u>	<u>324</u>	<u>426</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>1453</u>	
		Total	413	342	444	301	1500	
<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
Housing Authority	Marie L. Ciosek		274	260	331	209	1074	
2 year		Sundry Writeins	2	2	1	0	5	
Vote for one		Blanks	<u>137</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>421</u>	
		Total	413	342	444	301	1500	
<u>Belchertown Registered Voters</u>		<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
		Democrat	689	637	668	792	2786	
		Republican	326	397	422	278	1423	
		Libertarian	5	10	6	12	33	
		Unenrolled	1401	1499	1555	1439	5894	
		Other	<u>37</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>135</u>	
		Total	2458	2581	2679	2553	10271	
		<u>% Vote Cast</u>						
		14.60%	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
				17%	14%	17%	12%	15%
Attest:								
Colleen K. Toothill-Berte								
Town Clerk								



Actions taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 8, 2017 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium

FY17

Moderator – Frances J. South

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

Registered voters present – 335 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to transfer the sums of money as outlined below:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Free Cash	\$65,516	Snow & Ice Control
Free Cash	\$42,242	Health Insurance-Town Share
Veterans' Benefits	\$30,000	Health Insurance-Town Share
Unemployment	\$13,000	Health Insurance-Town Share
Police Station Expense	\$12,000	Health Insurance-Town Share
Assessors' Expense	\$5,000	Animal Control Wages
Senior Center Building	\$12,000	Inspection Services Wages
Tadgell Building	\$10,000	Interest on Debt
Freedom Center	\$2,753	Interest on Debt
Injured on Duty	\$2,124	Police Wage
Injured on Duty	\$477	Police Salary
Town Accountant Wage	\$600	Veterans' Agent Wage
Planning Wage	\$2,500	Medicare-Town Share
Injured on Duty	\$400	Highway Personnel Expense
Workers' Compensation	\$6,000	Highway Wage
General Insurance	\$6,000	Highway Wage
Recreation Building	\$1,000	Finnerty House
Fire Station Building	\$7,000	Library Wage
Landfill Wage	\$5,000	Landfill Expense

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0- Yes)

(Vote - Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 2 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of \$550,000 to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote - Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 3 Voted to appropriate the net bond premium of \$32,569.37 paid to the Town upon the sale of the Town's \$2,477,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2016 Bonds dated December 15, 2016 to the following capital projects of the Town, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws:

AMOUNT OF PREMIUM	PROJECT
\$24,000.00	Replacement of Voting Machines
\$8,569.37	Renovation/Refurbishment of the Day School Building

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM

Attest:

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte, Town Clerk



**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD May 8, 2017
FY17**

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	\$223,612.00	\$65,516 from Free Cash to Snow & Ice Control; \$42,242 from Free Cash to Health Insurance-Town Share; \$30,000 from Veterans' Benefits to Health Insurance-Town Share; \$13,000 from Unemployment to Health Insurance-Town Share; \$12,000 from Police Station expense to Health Insurance-Town Share; \$5,000 from Assessors' Expense to Animal Control Wages; \$12,000 from Senior Center Building to Inspection Services Wages; \$10,000 from Tadgell Building to Interest on Debt; \$2,753 from Freedom Center to Interest on Debt; \$2,124 from Injured on Duty to Police Wage; \$477 from Injured on Duty to police Salary; \$600 from Town Accountant Wage to Veterans' Agent Wage; \$2,500 from Planning Wage to Medicare-Town Share; \$400 from Injured on Duty to Highway Personnel Expense; \$6,000 from Workers' Compensation to Highway Wage; \$6,000 from General Insurance to Highway Wage; \$1,000 from recreation Building to Finnerty House; \$7,000 from Fire Station Building to Library Wage; \$5,000 from Landfill Wage to Landfill Expense.
2	\$550,000.00	\$550,000.00 from Free cash to Stabilization Fund
3	\$32,569.37	\$32,569.37 from bond premium paid to the Town upon sale of the \$2,477,000.00 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2016 Bonds dated Dec 15, 2016 to Capital Expense projects: \$24,000 for Replacement of Voting Machines and \$8,569.37 for Renovation/ Refurbishment of the Day School Building.
TOTAL	\$806,181.37	\$806,181.37

Attest:

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte, Town Clerk



Actions taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 8, 2017 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Auditorium

FY18

Moderator – Frances J. South

Meeting called to order 7:32pm

Registered voters present – 335 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Raymond J. Janke, III, Veterans' Agent, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by Thomas Stockton

Selectman Brenda Aldrich presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Gloria Fortunato.

Selectman Nicholas O'Connor presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Joseph Babineau.

Selectman Brenda Aldrich presented the Employee of the Year Award to Jennifer Whitehead.

- Article 1** Voted to elect Paul Anziano and Ellen Lachance as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Nicole Dunham for a three year term as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund.
(Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)
- Article 2** Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee. (Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)
- Article 3** Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at the following hourly rates:
- Assessors \$17.50
 - Board of Health Members \$ 7.25
- (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)
- Article 4** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)
- Article 5** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)
- Article 6** Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program or any other state grant program for use on approved town ways.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

- Article 7** Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$3,000.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)
- Article 8** Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)
- Article 9** Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the Treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)
- Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,962,009, and appropriate from Wetlands Hearings Fees Account the sum of \$5,000 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, for a total appropriation of \$1,967,009 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)
- Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,246,454 and appropriate the sum of \$800,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of \$4,046,454 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)
- "Postpone to June 19, 2017"* To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,073,080 and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$113,242 and appropriate for the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$50,000, for a total appropriation of \$28,236,322 for the Town School Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) *Motion was made and seconded to postpone vote on this article to June 1, 2017 at 7pm. After discussion, the Finance Committee requested and was granted a 10 minute recess to discuss endorsement of the amendment. (Vote on the Motion – Majority Required - Majority Yes)*
- Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,285,138 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,849,384 for the DPW-Highway, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of \$290,700 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$304, for a total appropriation of \$291,004 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,236, appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$216,248, and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of \$1,579,300, for a total appropriation of \$1,816,784, to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$908,717 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$786,788 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$769,140 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,016,246, and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$200,000, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$100,716, for a total appropriation of \$4,316,962 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0) (Vote - 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,623 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,539,069 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,750 for Hampshire Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Article 10

Voted to authorize by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, reauthorizing the use of revolving funds as printed in Article 10 of the Warrant, amending, however, the annual spending limits for the Pool Programs and the Tween and Up Programs, so that the annual spending limit for the Pool Programs is \$125,000 and annual spending limit for the Tween & Up Programs is \$25,000, which figures were inadvertently transposed in the article.

Fund	Revenue Source	Authority to Spend Funds	Use of Funds	Spending Limit	Restrictions/ Comments
Senior Center Transportation Program	Receipts from said Transportation Program	Director of the Senior Center	Operation of Senior Center Transportation Program	\$10,000	None
Council on Aging Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Council on Aging	Operation of Council on Aging Programs	\$10,000	None
Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase	Receipts from Open Air Burning Permit Fees	Fire Chief	Firefighters' Protective Clothing & Equipment Purchase & Maintenance	\$10,000	None
Town Beach Concession	Receipts from said Concession	Recreation Director	Operating Town Beach Concession	\$15,000	None
Operating Town Beach	Receipts from Daily & Seasonal Entrance Fees	Recreation Director	Operating Town Beach	\$50,000	None
Pool Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Director	Pool Programs	\$25,000	None
Tween and up Programs	Receipts from said Programs	Recreation Director	Tween and Up Programs	\$125,000	None
Witnessing and Documenting Percolation Tests	Receipts from said Witnessing and Documenting Tests	Board of Health	Witnessing & Documenting Percolation Tests	\$15,000	None
Police Department Technology Fund	Receipts from Firearms License & FID Card Fees	Police Chief or his designee	Police Department Technology, Firearms Licensing & FID Card Fees	\$15,000	None
Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	Receipts from said Transportation	School Committee	Transportation of pupils in Grades 7-12	\$150,000	None

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, Chapter 91, Personnel, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

➤ **Add language in bold and underline in the following sections:**

- **§91-5. B. Overtime. (4):** An employee, after having completed his/her assigned work and having left his/her place of employment, called back to work for an emergency or public safety situation by his/her supervisor prior to his/her next regular scheduled starting time will be guaranteed a minimum of three hours pay **between April 1st and October 31st, and three and one half (3 ½) hours pay between November 1st and March 31st.** Recall pay is not intended to apply when an employee works extra hours that merge into his/her regular work shift. Therefore, recall pay is not available when an employee is called to report to duty before the start of his regularly scheduled shift and he/she works until the regular shift commences. Recall pay is not available when an employee is held over to work after the completion of his/her regular shift.
- **§91-6. Employee Benefits. B. Benefits: (3) Holidays (c):** An employee that is required to work on a holiday shall be paid at 1 ½ times his or her base hourly rate for all hours actually worked in addition to his or her holiday pay. **An employee who actually works on Presidents' Day shall receive compensation at two times the employee's base hourly rate for all hours actually worked.** In the alternative, an employee that is required to work on a holiday may, with the approval of his or her supervisor, receive a special holiday leave for each eight hours worked. Special holiday leave earned for working on a holiday must be used in the same fiscal year in which it was earned.

➤ **In section §91-6. Employee Benefits. B. Benefits: (13) Longevity (a), amend longevity amounts as follows:**

After 10 years of service	from \$600.00 to \$850.00
After 15 years of service	from \$700.00 to \$950.00
After 20 years of service	from \$800.00 to \$1,150.00

➤ **In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan:**

Replace Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt chart with new chart as follows:

Effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Director of Public Works	\$87,329 - \$111,480
Fire Chief	\$87,329 - \$111,480
Police Lieutenant	\$76,500 - \$88,476
Director of Information Technology	\$72,774 - \$92,900
Town Planner	\$72,774 - \$92,900
Town Treasurer-Collector	\$69,309 - \$88,476
Town Accountant	\$69,309 - \$88,476
Building Commissioner	\$69,309 - \$88,476
Director of Assessments	\$69,309 - \$88,476
Conservation Administrator	\$66,643 - \$85,073
Council on Aging Executive Director	\$66,643 - \$85,073
Director of Parks & Recreation	\$66,643 - \$85,073
Veterans' Agent	\$64,080 - \$81,801

Under Classified Nonexempt Employees:

Remove the following positions:

- EMT – Intermediate
- EMT – Paramedic
- Fire Prevention and Safety Officer
- Fire Captain/Chief Fire Inspector
- Fire Captain/EMS Director

Under part-Time Hourly Schedule:

Amend the following range:

- Secretary/Assistant to Zoning Board of Appeals **from** \$10.25 - \$14.60/hour **to** \$14.54 - \$18.56/hour

➤ **In 91 Attachment 1, Appendix B – Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:**

Remove the compensation chart effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, and insert the following chart:

Effective July 1, 2017 to end June 30, 2018

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	11.41	11.73	12.04	12.36	12.70	13.07	13.42	13.79	14.17	14.56
2	14.83	15.23	15.66	16.08	16.53	16.98	17.45	17.93	18.43	18.94
3	17.05	17.52	18.00	18.50	19.01	19.53	20.07	20.62	21.18	21.77
4	19.60	20.14	20.69	21.27	21.85	22.46	23.09	23.71	24.37	25.02
5	21.58	22.16	22.77	23.40	24.03	24.71	25.39	26.07	26.81	27.54
6	23.73	24.38	25.04	25.75	26.45	27.16	27.92	28.68	29.47	30.29
7	26.09	26.82	27.55	28.31	29.09	29.88	30.71	31.54	32.42	33.32
8	27.14	27.89	28.65	29.43	30.25	31.09	31.94	32.82	33.72	34.65
9	28.23	29.02	29.80	30.63	31.46	32.34	33.22	34.13	35.07	36.04
10	30.20	31.02	31.89	32.77	33.66	34.59	35.55	36.52	37.53	38.56

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Article 12 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/purchase agreements up to five years for Department of Public Works vehicles leases.
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 13 *Voted to postpone the article*
To see if the Town would vote to withdraw from the Hampshire Council of Governments, the effective date of said withdrawal to be July 1, 2018, and to acknowledge, pursuant to the Administrative Code of the Legislative, Charter & Code Committee of the Hampshire Council of Governments, that all obligations of the Town of Belchertown to the Hampshire Council of Governments will be met up until said effective date, and that the Town of Belchertown's allocable share of the fiscal obligations of said Council will remain a responsibility of the Town.
Motion made and seconded to postpone vote on this article until June 19, 2107.
(Vote on the Motion – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Article 14 Voted to have the Town of Belchertown adopt the Illicit Connections and Discharges to the Municipal Storm Drainage System Bylaw,

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SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this bylaw is to regulate and eliminate illicit connections and discharges to the Town of Belchertown's Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), which is necessary for the protection of the Town's water bodies, wetlands, and groundwater, and to safeguard the public health, safety, welfare, and the environment. This bylaw establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the [Town's] municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) in order to comply with the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process.

The objectives of this bylaw are:

- (1) To prevent pollutants from entering the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4);
- (2) To prohibit illicit connections and unauthorized discharges to the storm water system (MS4);
- (3) To require the removal of all such illicit connections;
- (4) To establish the legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this bylaw through inspection, monitoring, and enforcement.

Increased and contaminated storm water runoffs are major causes of:

- (1) Impairment of water quality and flow in lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, wetlands and groundwater;
- (2) Contamination of drinking water supplies;
- (3) Alteration or destruction of aquatic and wildlife habitat; and
- (4) Local flooding.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this bylaw, the following shall mean:

Authorized Enforcement Agency/Applicable Authority: The Director of the Department of Public Works or designated representative, its employees or agents designated to enforce this bylaw.

Best Management Practices (BMPs): Activities, procedures, restraints, or structural improvements that helps to reduce the quantity or improve the quality of storm water runoff. BMPs also include treatment practices, operating procedures, and practices to control site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or water disposal, or drainage from raw materials storage.

Clean Water Act: The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*) as hereafter amended.

Discharge of Pollutants: The addition from any source of any pollutant or combination of pollutants into the municipal storm drainage system or into the waters of the United States or Commonwealth from any source.

Grandfathered: Exempt from new legislation, restrictions, or requirements.

Groundwater: Water beneath the surface of the ground and not confined in a conduit or container.

Illicit Connection: Any surface or subsurface drain or conveyance, which allows an illegal discharge into the municipal storm drainage system. Illicit connections include conveyances which allow a non-storm water discharge to the municipal storm drainage system, including: sewage, process wastewater or wash water and any connections from indoor drainages sinks, or toilets, regardless of whether said connection was previously allowed, permitted, or approved before the effective date of this bylaw.

Illegal Discharge: Any direct or indirect non-storm water discharge to the municipal storm drainage system, except as specifically exempted in Section 7 of this bylaw. The term does not include a discharge in compliance with an NPDES Storm Water Discharge Permit or resulting from firefighting activities exempted pursuant to Section 7 of this bylaw.

Impervious Surface: Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water from infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious surface includes, without limitation, roads, paved parking lots, sidewalks, and roof tops.

Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) or municipal storm drainage system: The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying storm water, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Belchertown.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Discharge Permit: A permit issued by United States Environmental Protection Agency or jointly with the State that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States.

Non-Storm water Discharge: Any discharge to the municipal storm drain system not composed entirely of storm water.

Person: Any individual, partnership, group of individuals, association, partnership, firm, company, trust, corporation, business organization, estate, and any agency, authority, department or political subdivision of the Commonwealth or the federal government, the Town of Belchertown, or any other legal entity to the extent permitted by Town bylaw, including any officer, employee, or agent of such person or entity.

Pollutant: Any element or property of sewage, agricultural, industrial or commercial waste, runoff, leachate, heated effluent, or other matter whether originating at a point or nonpoint source, that is or may be introduced into any sewage treatment works or waters of the Commonwealth or wetland resource areas. Pollutants shall include:

- a. paints, varnishes, and solvents;
- b. oil and other automotive fluids;
- c. liquid, solid wastes and yard wastes;
- d. refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects, accumulations and floatables;
- e. pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers;
- f. hazardous materials and wastes; sewage, fecal coliform and pathogens;
- g. dissolved and particulate metals;
- h. animal wastes;
- i. rock, sand, salt, soils;
- j. construction wastes and residues; and
- k. noxious or offensive matter of any kind.

Process wastewater: Any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any material, intermediate product, finished product, or waste product. Process wastewater includes water which has increased in temperature as a result of manufacturing or other processes.

Recharge: The process by which groundwater is replenished by precipitation through the percolation of runoff and surface water through the soil, or by injection of collected precipitation, run off or adequately treated wastewater.

Storm water: Rainwater, snowmelt and/or other water that flows off impervious surfaces and across or over the ground surface rather than being absorbed into the soil.

Toxic or Hazardous Material or Waste: Any material, including any substance, waste, or combination thereof, which because of its quantity, concentration, physical, chemical, corrosive, flammable, reactive, toxic, infectious or radioactive characteristics, either separately or in combination with any substance or substances, may cause or significantly contribute to a substantial present or potential threat to human health, safety, welfare, or to the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed. Toxic or hazardous materials include any synthetic organic chemical, petroleum product, heavy metal, radioactive or infectious waste, acid and alkali, and any substance defined as Toxic or Hazardous under M.G.L. Ch.21C and Ch.21E, and the regulations at 310 CMR 30.000 and 310 CMR 40.0000.

Wastewater: Any sanitary waste, sludge, or septic tank or cesspool contents or discharge, or water that during manufacturing, cleaning or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct or waste product.

Watercourses: A natural or man-made channel through which water flows or a stream of water, including a river, brook, or underground stream.

***Waters of the Commonwealth:** All waters within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including, without limitation, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, springs, impoundments, estuaries, wetlands, coastal waters, and groundwater.*

SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY

This bylaw shall apply to all flows entering the storm drainage system owned and/or operated by the Town of Belchertown.

SECTION 4. AUTHORITY

This bylaw is adopted under the authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution and the Home Rule Procedures Act, and pursuant to the regulations of the federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR 122.34.

SECTION 5. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION

The Director of the Department of Public Works and/or its designated representative shall administer, implement and enforce this bylaw. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Director of the Department of Public Works pursuant to this Bylaw may be delegated in writing by the Director of the Department of Public Works to employees or agents of the Department of Public Works.

SECTION 6. REGULATIONS

The Director of the Department of Public Works may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this bylaw. Failure by the Director of the Department of Public Works to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this bylaw.

SECTION 7. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

1. Illegal Discharges

No person shall dump, discharge, cause or allow to be discharged any pollutant or non-storm water discharge into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). Non-emergency pumping performed by the Fire Department must utilize appropriate best management practices (BMPs) and follow hazardous materials disposal guidelines to prevent contamination of the municipal storm drainage system with hazardous materials. If hazardous materials are observed within the flooded area from non-emergency pumping activities, or are suspected to be contained therein, a qualified hazmat technician and applicable state and local agencies must be consulted. These agencies will be responsible for implementing the BMPs to the contamination of nearby water ways and the municipal storm drainage system.

2. Illicit Connections

No person shall construct, use, allow, maintain or continue any illicit connection to the municipal storm drainage system, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under applicable law, regulation or custom at the time of connection. No grandfathering is permitted.

3. Obstruction of Municipal Storm Drainage System

No person shall obstruct or interfere with the normal flow of storm water into or out of the storm drainage system without prior approval from the Director of the Department of Public Works or designated representative. No person shall dump or dispose of yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, etc.) into the MS4, or into open watercourses (swales, brooks and streams).

- a. Drains – No one shall tie any pump, cellar, yard, roof or area drain directly into the storm water drainage system without approval from the Applicable Authority.
- b. Catch Basins – No Person shall directly or indirectly dump, discharge or cause or allow to be discharged into any catch basin, any solid waste, construction debris, paint or paint product, antifreeze, hazardous waste, oil, gasoline, grease and all other automotive and petroleum products, solvents and degreasers, drain cleaners, commercial or household cleaners, soap, detergent, ammonia, food and food waste, grease or yard waste, animal feces, dirt, sand gravel or other pollutant. Any person determined by the applicable authority to be responsible for the discharge of any of the above substances to a catch basin may be held responsible for cleaning the catch basin and any other portions of the storm water system impacted according to Town standards and requirements or paying the cost for such cleaning. In addition, the Person shall be responsible for paying any penalties assessed by the Town.
- c. Septage – No person shall discharge or cause or allow to be discharged any septage, or septage tank or cesspool overflow into the Town's storm water drainage system.
- d. Storage & Disposal of Hazardous Material – No one shall dispose of anything other than clear water into the Town's storm drainage system. The disposal of waste, gasoline or any other hazardous material into the storm drainage system is strictly prohibited and is in violation of state and federal pollution laws.
- e. Private drainage systems – It is prohibited for anyone with a private drainage system from tying into the public storm water disposal system without written approval from the Applicable Authority. The maintenance of any and all private drainage systems shall be the responsibility of the owners.

4. Exemptions

This section shall not apply to any of the following non-storm water discharges or flows provided that the source is not a significant contributor of a pollutant to the storm drainage system.

- a. Waterline flushing;
- b. Emergency pumping performed by the Fire Department;
- c. Discharges (in liquid form) from landscape irrigation or lawn watering;
- d. Diverted stream flows, springs;
- e. Rising groundwater;
- f. Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration as defined in 40 CFR 35.2005(20), or uncontaminated pumped groundwater;
- g. Flows from potable water sources;
- h. Irrigation water, springs;

- i. Water from crawl space pumps, exterior foundation drains, footing drains (not including active groundwater dewatering systems), sump pumps or air conditioning condensation;
- j. Water from individual residential car washing;
- k. Natural flows from riparian habitats and wetlands;
- l. Discharges from de-chlorinated swimming pool water (less than one part per million chlorine) provided it is allowed to stand for one week prior to draining and the pool is drained in such a way as not to cause a nuisance;
- m. Discharges during street sweeping, discharge of sand and deicers used for public safety purposes and other storm drainage system maintenance;
- n. Dye testing, provided notification is given to the Director of the Department of Public Works or designated representative prior to the time of the test;
- o. Non-storm water discharges permitted under an NPDES permit, waiver, or waste discharge order administered under the authority of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, provided that the discharge is in full compliance with the requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and applicable laws and regulations;
- p. Discharges for which advanced written approval is received from the Director of the Department of Public Works or designated representative if necessary to protect public health, safety, welfare or the environment; and
- q. Emergency repairs to the municipal storm drain system, and any storm water management structure or practice that poses a threat to public health or safety, or as deemed necessary by the Town.

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM ACCESS

The Director of the Department of Public Works or designated representative may suspend municipal storm drainage system (MS4) access to any person or property without prior written notice when such suspension is necessary to stop an actual or threatened illicit discharge of pollutants that presents or may present imminent risk of harm to the public health, safety, welfare or the environment. In the event any person fails to comply with an emergency suspension order, the Director of the Department of Public Works or designated representative may take all reasonable steps to prevent or minimize harm to the public health, safety, welfare or the environment.

SECTION 9. WATERCOURSE PROTECTION

Every person owning property through which a watercourse passes, or such person's lessee, shall keep and maintain that part of the watercourse within the property free of trash, debris, and other obstacles that would pollute, contaminate, or significantly retard the flow of water through the watercourse. In addition, the owner or lessee shall maintain existing privately owned structures within or adjacent to a watercourse so that such structures will not become a hazard to the use, function, or physical integrity of the watercourse.

Failure by the property owner to maintain the watercourse does not constitute an obligation on the part of the Town to assume this responsibility.

SECTION 10. NOTIFICATION OF SPILLS

Notwithstanding any other requirements of local, state or federal law, as soon as any person responsible for a facility or operation, or responsible for emergency response for a facility or operation has information of any known or suspected release of materials at that facility operation which is resulting or may result in illegal discharge of pollutants into the municipal drainage system, a wetland resource area, or waters of the Commonwealth, that person shall take all necessary steps to ensure containment, and

cleanup of the release. In the event of a release of oil or hazardous materials, the reporting person shall immediately notify the municipal fire and police departments, the Director of the Department of Public Works or designated representative, and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (if release is reportable as defined by 310 CMR 40.00). In the event of a release of non-hazardous material, said person shall notify the Director of the Department of Public Works or designated representative no later than the next business day. Written confirmation of all telephone, facsimile or in person notifications shall be provided to the Director of the Department of Public Works or designated representative within three business days thereafter. If the discharge of prohibited materials is from a commercial or industrial facility, the facility owner or operator of the facility shall retain on-site a written record of the discharge and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such records shall be retained for at least three years.

SECTION 11. ENFORCEMENT

1. The Director of the Department of Public Works or an authorized agent of the Department of Public Works shall enforce this bylaw, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as the terms and conditions of all permits, notices, and orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.

2. Orders

The Director of the Department of Public Works or designated representative may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this bylaw or the regulations thereunder, which include, but are not limited to:

- a. Elimination of illicit connections or discharges to the storm drainage system (MS4);
- b. Termination of access to the storm drainage system;
- c. Performance of monitoring, analyses, and reporting;
- d. Cessation of unlawful discharges, practices, or operations;
- e. Remediation of contamination in connection therewith;
- f. Implementation of source control or treatment BMPs.

If the Director of the Department of Public Works or designated representative determines that abatement or remediation of contamination is required, the order shall set forth a deadline for completion of the abatement or remediation. Said order shall further advise that, should the violator or property owner fail to abate or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the Town of Belchertown may, at its option, undertake such work and expenses thereof shall be charged to the violator or property owner.

Within thirty (30) days after completing all measures necessary to abate the violation or to perform remediation, the violator and the property owner will be notified, in writing, of the costs incurred by the Town of Belchertown including administrative costs, for which payment is due to the Town. The violator or property owner may file a written protest or appeal objecting to the amount or basis of costs with the Board of Selectmen within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or appeal or within thirty (30) days following a decision of the Board of Selectmen or designated representative affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the costs shall become a special assessment against the property owner and shall constitute a lien on the owner's property for the amount of said costs pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 40, § 58. Interest shall begin to accrue on any unpaid costs at the statutory rate provided in M.G.L. Ch. 59, §57 after the thirty-first day at which the costs first become due.

3. Equitable Remedy

If a person or entity violates the provisions of this bylaw, regulations, permit, notice, or order issued thereunder, the Director of the Department of Public Works or designated representative may seek injunctive relief in a court of competent jurisdiction to restrain the person from activities that would create further violations or compel the person to abate or remediate the violation.

4. Criminal penalty

Any person who violates any provision of this Bylaw, regulation, order or written approval issued thereunder, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$300 per violation. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

5. Non-Criminal Disposition

As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the Town of Belchertown may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 40, §21D. The Director of the Department of Public Works or designated representative shall be the enforcing person. The penalty for the 1st violation shall be up to \$100. The penalty for the 2nd violation shall be \$200. The penalty for the 3rd and subsequent violations shall be \$300. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

6. Right-of-Entry

To the extent permitted by state law, or if authorized by the owner or other party in control of the property, the Director of the Department of Public Works or designated representative, its agents, officers, and employees may enter upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under this bylaw and regulations and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Director of the Department of Public Works or designated representative deems reasonably necessary.

7. Appeals

The decisions or orders of the Director of the Department of Public Works shall be final. Further relief shall be to a court of competent jurisdiction.

8. Remedies Not Exclusive

The remedies listed in this bylaw are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law.

SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY

If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause, of this Bylaw or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances, shall be held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or applications of this Bylaw, and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Property owners shall have 120 days from the effective date of the bylaw to comply with its provisions provided good cause is shown for the failure to comply with the bylaw during that period unless local, state, or federal agencies deem that immediate actions are warranted

(Vote - Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Article 15 Voted to accept as a public way the roadway known as Sheffield Estates:(Sheffield Drive, Spring Hill Road, Waterford Drive and Lexington Drive), as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land entitled Sheffield Estates Subdivision” Street Acceptance Plan & “As-Built” Conditions Plan” dated June 27, 2016 prepared by Sherman & Frydryk, LLC., recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 237, Page 52 and on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or easements in Sheffield Estates (Sheffield Drive, Spring Hill Road, Waterford Drive, and Lexington Drive) for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Belchertown and any drainage, utility, access and/or other easements related thereto, as shown on said plan. (Vote - 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 16 Voted to accept MGL Chapter 44, Section 53F3/4 which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for fiscal year 2018, which begins on July 1, 2017; and further to direct the accounting officer to transfer the remaining balance in the “PEG Grant” account, into said PEG Access and Cable Related Fund upon its creation, and appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund the sum of \$85,000 to be used for operations of the Belchertown Community Channel for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017.

(Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Article 17 **CITIZEN PETITION:** Voted to make circle on Center Street one way and install appropriate signage. (Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 18 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of 10,000 to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee’s report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 19 Voted to amend Section 65-1 of the Town By-Laws regarding the acceptance of G.L. c. 40, Section 57, that allows for the denial of town issued licenses or permits to any applicant who owes taxes/fees that are in arrears by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and adding the language shown in bold,

§ 65-1 List of delinquent taxpayers.

The Treasurer-Collector shall ~~annually~~ **periodically** furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the "licensing authority," that issues licenses or permits, including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the "party," that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges ~~for not less than a twelve-month period~~ and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the Appellate Tax Board. (Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes).

Article 20 Voted to adopt a new fee schedule for the Town Clerk's fees in accordance with the provisions of G.S. c. 262, §34, as follows:

DESCRIPTION	FEE
For furnishing certified copy of birth, death, or marriage record:	\$10.00
For entering a delayed record of birth:	\$20.00
For correcting errors in a birth, death, or marriage record:	\$20.00
For the filing of marriage intentions in order to procure a license to marry, includes one certified copy:	\$40.00
For entering certificate of marriage filed by person married out of the Commonwealth	\$20.00
For filing a certificate of a person conducting business under any title other than his/her real name:	\$40.00
For filing a certificate of a person conducting business under any title other than his/her real name a statement of discontinuance, retirement or withdrawal from such business	\$10.00
For furnishing a certified copy of certificate of person conducting business under any title other than his/her real name or a statement by such person of his/her discontinuance, retirement or withdrawal from such business:	\$10.00
For recording order granting location of poles, piers, abutment or conduits, alterations or transfers thereof, and increase in number of wires, cables or attachments under the provisions of MGL Chapter 166, Section 22:	\$60.00

(Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)

Moderator indicated that articles 21-28 and article 46 were going to be addressed using a consent agenda. Articles held out for discussion were articles 26 and 28 and were voted on separately. Articles 21-25, 27 and 46 were all voted on together requiring a 2/3rd and all passed by 2/3rd as noted below.

Article 21 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, by changing the first clause of existing Article CII, Site plan approval, §145-27(B)1 by removing the words "special permit or" to read "No building permit shall be issued for any of the following uses unless a site plan has been endorsed by the planning board...".
(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

- Article 22** Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, by changing the first clause of existing Article VII, Site plan approval, §145-27 F(1)(d) by adding a sentence to read “Sidewalks must be shown along the applicant’s frontage adjacent to public ways, and shall meet, at a minimum, current ADA standards.”
(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)
- Article 23** Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, by changing the first clause of existing Article IX, Business regulations, §145-36(F) by adding a sentence to read “Sidewalks must be shown along the applicant’s frontage adjacent to public ways, and shall meet, at a minimum, current ADA standards.”
(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)
- Article 24** Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, to correct a typographical error by changing Article X, Common drive development, §145-45C(1) footnote 3 to read “A gravel surface may be allowed if the common drive serves no more than two lots and/or complies with Subsection C(7)(b).”
(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)
- Article 25** Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, by changing Article V §145-16, Dimensional Regulations, Table of Dimensional Regulations, by changing the front setback in the B1 district to 25 feet and to add a line to the regulations for the B1 district sub-titles “Within Historic District” which retains the current B1 district dimensional regulations. (Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)
- Article 26** Voted to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as previously amended, by deleting the text of Article VII, Commercial solar photovoltaic installations, §145-28B(1) and inserting in place thereof the following:

“As-of-right:
a)A commercial solar photovoltaic installation, as defined herein, is allowed as-of-right with site plan review in all zoning districts except as set forth below:
b)any such installation to be installed on buildings, groups of buildings and in parking lots with canopies or other free-standing structures that do not impede traffic flow or safety within the parking lot.”
(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)
- Article 27** Voted to amend Section 145-5 of the Zoning Bylaw, Zoning Map, by changing the parcels identified on the Town Assessors’ Map as Map 203 Parcels 5 and 4, and Map 204 Parcel 11 from both B2 and Ag-B to B2 entirely, and Map 204 Parcels 8 and 9 from both B2 and Ag-B to Ag-B entirely. (Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 28

Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, Article XII, Wireless Communications Facilities, as previously amended, by inserting the following language, shown in bold:

§ 145-62 Use Restrictions

B. Wireless communications facility tower

14) The tower's height may not be greater than the distance from the tower's base to the boundary of the tower owner's legal lease or ownership area.

§ 145-65. Submission requirements; administration; application review.

- A. All requirements of §145-69 of this chapter apply.
- B. The Planning Board may retain an engineer and/or other professional consultant for guidance at the expense of the applicant.
- C. The applicant shall submit an Operation and Maintenance Plan and shall annually submit a report, starting 12 months from the date of receiving a Certificate of Use or Certificate of Occupancy, demonstrating compliance to the Operation and Maintenance Plan. Any change to the Operation and Maintenance Plan must be approved by the Planning Board.

(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 29

Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, for conservation and passive recreation purposes under the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §8C and other statutes related to conservation, the parcels of land known collectively as the Mader Town Forest, consisting of a total of 86 acres, more or less, together with all flowage and other rights and easements, and shown on Assessors Maps 107 as Lot #27.01, on Map 226 as Lot #37.00, and on Map 231 as Lot #45.00, which parcels shall be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission under said Chapter 40, Section 8C; and to appropriate and transfer from available funds and/or borrow \$364,350 to fund said acquisition and costs related thereto, including, without limitation, for stewardship fees, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow said funds under the provisions of G.L. c.44B, G.L. c.44 and/or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided that no such funds shall be expended until the Town shall have received gifts and/or grants as set forth below; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Conservation Commission to file applications for grants for reimbursement on behalf of the Town under the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant (P.L. 88-578, 78 Stat 897) and/or any other state and/or federal programs, including those in aid of conservation land acquisition, to accept said funds for the purposes set forth herein, and to enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments on behalf of the Town as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the foregoing acquisition.

(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 30

Voted to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues the sum of \$2,000 for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee in FY 2018; and reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve:

- \$26,460 from FY2018 Community Preservation Fund annual revenues for open Space

- \$26,460 from FY2018 Community Preservation Fund annual revenues for Historic resources
- \$26,460 from FY2018 Community Preservation Fund annual revenues for Community Housing.

And further to appropriate and transfer \$52,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 23 at the May 9, 2016 Annual Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 31 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$5,008 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve and \$9,992 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for a total of \$15,000 for the preservation and/or rehabilitation of the Tri-lakes by establishing and funding a water quality monitoring program. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 32 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$7,816 from the Community Preservation Historic Reserve, and \$2,159 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for a total of \$9,975 for the grave stone preservation and restoration project at the historic Mt. Hope/South/Rural Cemetery, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Graves Officer of the Town of Belchertown. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 33 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$18,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the rehabilitation and replacement of the scoreboard located on the back field of the CHCS Recreation complex, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Recreation Department. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 7-1-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 34 Voted to appropriate transfer \$2,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the rehabilitation and replacement of the existing combination goals on the back football/soccer/lacrosse field located on the back field of the CHCS Recreation complex, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Recreation Department. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 35 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$2,500 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the rehabilitation and improvement of the track surrounding the field located at the CHCS Recreation complex, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Recreation Department. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 36 Voted to appropriate and transfer \$15,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the rehabilitation and replacement of the fencing around the fields at the CHCS Cronk field, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Recreation Department. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

- Article 37** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$3,400 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the rehabilitation and improvement of the dugouts located on the front softball field at the CHCS Recreation complex, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Recreation Department. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)
- Article 38** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$3,400 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the rehabilitation and improvement of the dugouts located on the rear softball field at the CHCS Recreation complex, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Recreation Department. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)
- Article 39** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$98,600 from the Community Preservation Fund as a grant to the Belchertown Housing Authority for the preservation and support of community housing, including, without limitation, for the replacement of the windows at the 48 apartment units that are no longer weather tight and expose the buildings to the elements, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a grant agreement with the Belchertown Housing Authority to set forth the terms and conditions on which said funds may be expended.
Pamela Rogers, Executive Director of the Housing Authority requested permission to speak as she is a non-resident. A motion was made and seconded to allow her to speak.
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)
(Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes)
(Vote - Majority Required – Majority Yes)
- Article 40** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$2,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for the preservation of historical tax records dating from 1946 – 1975 by microfilming the same, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)
- Article 41** Voted to appropriate and transfer \$3,500 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance for updating an appraisal of the MADER forest, enabling the Conservation Commission to apply for a land grant for funds to be used by the Town of the acquisition of said MADER forest. (Endorsed by Community Preservation Commission 8-0-0 Yes)
(Vote – Majority Required - Majority Yes)
- Article 42** Citizens Petition – *Voted to postpone to June 19, 2017*
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1. If maintenance funding is being used for a capital improvement such as an office renovation or other construction project it needs to be disclosed.
2. If Maintenance funding (or any other fund) is used to purchase a New Phone System or other like item it needs to be disclosed.

These updates are needed and for the use of Belchertown residents when discussing future budgets.

Motion made and seconded to postpone vote on this article to June 19, 2017.

(Vote - Majority required, too close to call, hand count was called for by Moderator. 104 yes, 101 no, passed by Majority to postpone on this article to June 19, 2017)

Article 43 *Voted to take no action.* **Citizens Petition** We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Belchertown, MA do hereby petition the Board of Selectmen to insert the following By-Law in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. We put forth before the voters of Belchertown, MA a Capital Improvement Planning Program. If approved, the attached **Capital Planning Improvement Committee** Bylaw would be added to Belchertown's By-Law and will be budgeted for FY 2019. In FY 2019 this Committee will be established, receive submissions and file their report to the Town Clerk for review by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee for the FY 2020 Budget.

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MA

General Bylaw Article

Capital Improvement Program Bylaw:

Sec. 1.

The Board of Selectmen shall establish and appoint a committee to be known as the Capital Improvement Planning Committee composed of three (3) citizens at large, One (1) to serve 1 year, One (1) to serve 2 years and One (1) to serve 3 years and each thereafter for three years. The Capital Improvement Planning Committee shall also include one member of the Board of Selectman, one member of the finance committee, one member of the planning board, the School Department Superintendent (or a designee), the town accountant shall be an ex officio committee member without the right to vote. The committee shall choose its own officers.

Sec. 2.

The Committee shall study proposed capital projects and improvements involving major non-recurring tangible assets and projects which 1) are purchased or undertaken at intervals of not less than five years; 2) have a useful life at least five years; and, 3) cost over \$10,000. In order that the Town: 1) coordinate development of a capital improvement budget with the operating budget of the current year, and 2) develop a capital program including the subsequent 5 years, all officers, boards, and committees including the Selectmen and the Regional School Committee shall, by a date specified annually by the Capitol Improvement Planning Committee, prepare for the committee information concerning all anticipated capital improvement projects requiring Town Meeting action for the period specified. No appropriation shall be voted for a capital improvement requested by a department, board, or commission unless the proposed capital improvement is considered in the committee report. However, in order to allow consideration of a project reflecting an extraordinary circumstance which must be addressed before the formulation of the next year's capital program, a department, board or committee may submit a proposal to the Capitol Improvement Planning Committee for consideration. The Committee must then submit a report to the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen with a satisfactory explanation why the proposal was not considered by the Capitol Improvement Planning Committee at a time when it could be included in the committee's report. Each of the boards and committees must vote that the proposed project meets the extraordinary circumstance issue.

Sec. 3.

The Committee shall prepare an annual report recommending a Capital Improvement Program for the next fiscal year, and for each of the subsequent 5 years. The Capitol Improvement Planning Committee will explain which capital improvement projects considered by the committee are recommended and which projects it does not recommend for inclusion in the capital program. The report shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for their consideration. The Board of Selectmen shall submit its approved Capital Improvement Program to any Annual or Special Town Meeting for adoption by the Town.

Sec. 4.

Such Capital Improvement program, after its adoption, shall permit the expenditure on projects included therein of sums of departmental Budgets for surveys, architectural or engineering advice, options, or appraisals. No such expenditure shall be incurred on projects that have not been so approved by the town through the appropriation of sums in the current year or in prior years or for preliminary planning for projects to be undertaken more than five (5) years in the future.

Sec. 5.

The Committee's report with the Selectmen's and Finance Committee's recommended Capital Plan/Budget shall be published and made available consistent with the distribution of the Finance Committee Report. The Committee shall deposit its original report with the Town Clerk.

Sec. 6.

The proposed annual budget shall include an appropriation of not less than 1% of the Town's operating budget to fund the Capital Plan. This can be included in individual department budgets or separately. The Capital Improvement Planning Committee shall have a budget of no less than \$3,500 for administrative services and other misc. needs.

Motion made to take no action. (Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Motion made to rescind the last vote (Vote 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Motion made to take no action (Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 44

Voted to transfer the care, custody and control of the parcels of land identified below, acquired by the Town by tax title foreclosure, from the Treasurer/Collector for the purpose of sale at public auction to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey such parcels on such terms and conditions as the Board may deem appropriate, said parcels being described as follows:

LOCATION	ASSESSORS PARCEL REFERENCE	JUDGEMENT RECORDED H.C.R.D.
Rear of Forest Road (60.0 acres)	Map 255, Lot 121	Book 9031, Page 282
On Federal Street (53 acres)	Map 103, Lot 23	Book 8347, Page 192
On Amherst Road (13.2 acres)	Map 215, Lot 24	Book 9341, Page 81
On Sheffield Drive (3.95 acres)	Map 231, Lot 53	Book 9531, Page 346
On Sheffield Drive (.22 acres)	Map 225, Lot 7.01	Book 11645, Page 144
On Munsell Street (3.44 acres)	Map 214, Lot 47.05	Book 12099, Page 26
Rear of Forest Road (3.40 acres)	Map 255, lot 37	Book 9792, Page 6
On Maple Street (2.20 acres)	Map 243, Lot 147	Book 11238, Page 227
On Pine Street (1.90 acres)	Map 276, Lot 66	Book 5511, Page 193

On Cheryl Circle (1.60 acres)	Map 101, Lot 20	Book 8449, Page 224
On Laurel Ridge Drive (1.13 acres)	Map 254, Lot 23.2	Book 8336, Page 336
On Allen Street (1.28 acres)	Map 232, Lot 22	Book 11645, Page 144
On Fletcher Avenue (1.08 acres)	Map 225, Lot 07	Book 11645, Page 144
On Allen Street (1.0 acres)	Map 107, Lot 26	Book 9121, Page 323
On Gold Street (.50 acres)	Map 207, Lot 11	Book 11645, Page 145
Rear North Gulf Road (.29 acres)	Map 202, Lot 20	Book 11963, Page 286
On Grela Terrace (.07 acres)	Map 101, Lot 57	Book 9960, Page 179

(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 45 Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, Article II, §1-2 Noncriminal Disposition, Chapter 15, §15-6A, Failure to properly license a dog six months of age, by adding “Fines will be assessed per dog” at the end of this section, adding “Court Action Fee: \$100.00” to the Fine Schedule, and adding “plus Court Action Fee” after “\$50” to the Fine Allowed provision.

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 46 Voted to amend Section 145-5 of the Zoning By-Law Zoning Map, by changing the parcel identified on the Town Assessors’ Map as Map 231 Parcel 31.4 from both B2 and Ag-B to B1 entirely. (endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 47 Voted to discontinue an abandoned roadway identified as a certain right of way as shown on a plan entitled “Subdivision of Land in Belchertown, Mass. Owned by William Cook Sr., et ux” dated December 8, 1959 by Richard H. Stowe, P.E. and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 61 Page 18, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe at the intersection of the southwesterly line of Rockrimmon Street and the westerly line of said right of way to be described, thence running:

Southeasterly approximately three hundred fourteen (314’±) feet along the westerly line of said right of way and along land now or formerly of Hua and along land now or formerly of Bishop to the northerly line of Green Avenue, thence turning and running;

Easterly along the northerly line of Green Avenue to the easterly line of said and land now or formerly of Leboeuf, thence turning and running;

Northwesterly along the easterly line of said right of way and along said land of Leboeuf to the southerly line of said Rockrimmon Street, thence turning and running;

Westerly along the southerly line of said Rockrimmon Street to the point of beginning.

(Vote Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Motion made to adjourn the meeting to reconvene at 7:00pm on June 19, 2017 at the Belchertown High School Auditorium. (Vote - Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Meeting adjourned at 10:41pm until June 19, 2017 at 7:00pm

Meeting reconvened on June 19, 2017 at 7:10pm

Moderator – Joseph Bernard

Registered voters present – 227 (Quorum requires 75)

Article 9 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,073,080 and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of \$113,242 and appropriate for the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$50,000, for a total appropriation of \$28,236,322 for the Town School Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes) (Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 13 Did not vote the Town withdraw from the Hampshire Council of Governments, the effective date of said withdrawal to be July 1, 2018, and to acknowledge, pursuant to the Administrative Code of the Legislative, Charter & Code Committee of the Hampshire Council of Governments, that all obligations of the Town of Belchertown to the Hampshire Council of Governments will be met up until said effective date, and that the Town of Belchertown's allocable share of the fiscal obligations of said Council will remain a responsibility of the Town.

After much discussion a motion was made and seconded to move the question.

(Vote - 2/3rd Required - 2/3rd Yes)

Moderator called for a voice vote on the article and it was too close to call and the Moderator called for a hand count.

(Vote – Majority Required – Yes – 60, No – 134 – did not pass)

Article 42 Did not Pass. Citizens Petition - We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Belchertown, MA do hereby petition the Board of Selectmen to insert the following in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. We put forth before the voters of Belchertown, MA an administrative requirement for the School Department to post true and accurate monthly budget summaries on their website for review by the taxpayers of Belchertown. If approved, the attached budget summary update requirement would show how the School Department is actually spending taxpayer supplied funding allowing for an informed debate when planning for future budgets.

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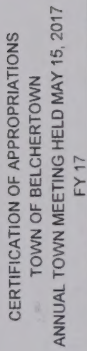
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Motion made and seconded to amend the motion by changing the wording of #2. "Revised Budget indicating actual spending if not spent for an item defined by the actual budget item. All budgeted funds spent on an item that is other than shown or not clearly defined must be disclosed" to "2. Disclosure of spending for any item or service purchased that is not shown or clearly defined by the line item from which the funds are spent" (Vote – Majority Required – Passed Majority)
Moderator called for the vote on the article, voice vote was too close to call and Moderator called for hand count. (Vote – Majority Required – Yes – 57, No – 75 – did not pass)

Meeting adjourned at 9:39pm

Attest:

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte
Town Clerk

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CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
 TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 15, 2017
 FY 17

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	BORROWING	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
23.	Hydrant Service, Expenses		\$27,456.00				
24.	Dog Officer Salary		\$37,325.00				
	Asst. Dog Officer Salary		\$3,600.00				
	Wages		\$19,400.00				
	Expenses		\$12,575.00				
25.	Inspection Services, Salary		\$76,903.00				
	Wages		\$80,590.00				
	Expenses		\$14,444.00				
26.	Civil Defense, Wages		\$350.00				
	Expenses		\$1,210.00				
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$28,236,322.00					
27.	Town School Department						
	Foundation Spending		\$26,097,787.00		\$113,242.00	\$50,000.00	
	Transport. & Fixed Assets		\$1,975,293.00				
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	\$1,285,138.00					
28.	Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District						
	Net Budget		\$1,285,138.00				
	DPW – Highways	\$1,849,384.00					
29.	Highways/Personnel						
	Salary		\$105,114.00				
	Wages		\$727,695.00				
	Uniforms		\$14,300.00				
	Expenses		\$750.00				
30.	Highway Admin., Expenses		\$20,570.00				
31.	Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		\$242,000.00				
32.	DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		\$184,500.00				
33.	Hired Services, Expenses		\$231,500.00				
34.	Street Lighting, Expenses		\$42,200.00				
35.	Streets/Construction, Expenses		\$168,000.00				
36.	Professional Engineering, Expenses		\$78,360.00				
37.	Town Garage, Expenses		\$34,365.00				
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL	\$2,107,788.00					
38.	Transfer Station (Total)						\$81,650 from Landfill Receipts
	Wages						\$209,050 from Landfill Receipts and \$304 from Landfill Enterprise free cash
	Expenses						
39.	Hazardous Waste Day						
	Sewer Enterprise Fund, Wages		\$21,236.00				
	Expenses						\$216,248 from Sewer Enterprise free cash and \$53,566 from Sewer Receipts
	Maturing Debt						\$620,460 from Sewer Receipts
	Maturing Debt Interest						\$846,366 from Sewer Receipts
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	\$908,717.00					\$58,888 from Sewer Receipts
40.	Board of Health, Salary						
	Wages		\$2,825.00				
	Expenses		\$5,500.00				
41.	Council on Aging, Salary		\$10,346.00				
	Wages		\$73,946.00				
	Expenses		\$435,459.00				
	Expenses		\$34,410.00				
42.	Veterans Services,						
	Agent Salary		\$71,376.00				
	Wages		\$850.00				
	Expenses		\$2,080.00				
	Veterans Benefits		\$241,000.00				
43.	Veterans Graves - Expenses		\$2,625.00				
44.	DPW – Cemetery Department, Expenses		\$28,200.00				
45.	Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		\$100.00				
	CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$786,788.00					
46.	Clapp Memorial Library, Salary						
	Wages		\$76,903.00				
	Expenses		\$289,040.00				
	Expenses		\$113,008.00				
47.	Parks and Recreation, Salary		\$67,762.00				



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	Wages		\$200,140.00				
	Expenses						
48	Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		\$5,610.00				
49	Parks & Recreation Beach, Expenses		\$32,775.00				
51	Family Center, Expenses		\$1,550.00				
			\$0.00				
	DPW – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	\$769,140.00					
52	DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		\$376,860.00				
	Expenses						
53	DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		\$84,340.00				
54	DPW-Town Common, Expenses		\$54,455.00				
55	DPW-Town Clock, Wages		\$5,250.00				
56	DPW-Finney House, Expenses		\$600.00				
57	DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		\$8,700.00				
58	DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		\$7,195.00				
59	DPW-Recreation Bldg., Expenses		\$45,290.00				
60	DPW-Police Station, Expenses		\$18,240.00				
61	DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		\$52,595.00				
62	DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		\$12,085.00				
63	DPW-Fire Station, Expenses		\$16,175.00				
64	DPW-Fire Station, Expenses		\$39,700.00				
65	DPW-Franklin School Bldg, Expenses		\$8,830.00				
66	DPW-Tagell/MEMA Space, Expenses		\$27,026.00				
67	Animal Control Building		\$11,799.00				
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE	\$4,316,962.00			\$100,716.00	\$200,000.00	
68	General Insurance, Expenses		\$78,594.00				
69	Unemployment Insurance, Expenses		\$15,000.00				
70	Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses		\$8,000.00				
71	Health Insurance, Expenses		\$1,064,000.00				
72	Group Life Insurance, Expenses		\$4,500.00				
73	FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		\$110,000.00				
74	Pensions, Expenses		\$2,736,162.00				
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS	\$57,623.00					
74	Historical Commission, Expenses		\$500.00				
75	Historical District, Expenses		\$348.00				
76	Patrol Exercises, Expenses		\$300.00				
77	Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		\$2,000.00				
78	Unclassified Accts, Expenses		\$54,475.00				
	INTEREST & MATURING DEBT	\$2,539,069.00					
79	Interest, Expenses		\$470,169.00				
80	Maturing Debt, Expenses		\$2,068,900.00				
	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS						
81	Council of Governments, Assessment	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00				
10 - 17	None						
18	Payment for OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits)	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00		
19-28	None						
29	Purchase conservation land known as Mader Town Forest, Assessor Map107 Lot 27.01; Map 226 Lot	\$364,350.00		\$364,350.00			
30	Community Preservation Admin Expense	\$2,000.00					\$2,000.00 from FY17 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund - Open Space	\$26,460.00					\$26,460 from FY18 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Historic Resources	\$26,460.00					\$26,460 from FY18 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing	\$26,460.00					\$26,460 from FY18 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Pay CPA debt service on bonds voted under Art. 23 @ May 9, 2016 Annual Town Mtg	\$52,000.00					\$52,000.00 from Community Preservation Fund Balance
31	Preservation and/or rehabilitation of the Tri-lakes by establishing and funding a water quality monitoring program	\$15,000.00					\$9,992 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance and appropriate & transfer \$5,008 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve
32	Grave stone preservation and restoration project at the historic Mt. Hope/South/Rural cemetery	\$9,975.00					\$2,159 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance and appropriate & transfer \$7,816 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve

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33	Rehabilitation and replacement of the scoreboard located on the back field of the CHCS Recreation complex	\$18,000.00					\$18,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance.
34	Rehabilitation and replacement of the existing combination goals on the back football/soccer/lacrosse field located on the back field of the CHCS Recreation complex	\$2,000.00					\$2,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
35	Rehabilitation and improvement of the track surrounding the field located at the CHCS Recreation complex	\$2,500.00					\$2,500 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
36	Rehabilitation and replacement of the fencing around the fields at the CHCS Cronk field	\$15,000.00					\$15,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
37	Rehabilitation and improvement of the dugouts located on the front softball field at the CHCS Recreation complex	\$3,400.00					\$3,400 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
38	Rehabilitation and improvement of the dugouts located on the rear softball field at the CHCS Recreation complex	\$3,400.00					\$3,400 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
39	Preservation and support of community housing, including, without limitation, for the replacement of the windows at the 4B apartment units that are no longer weather tight and expose the buildings to the elements, and, further, authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a grant agreement with the Belchertown Housing Authority to set forth the terms and conditions on which said funds may be expended	\$98,600.00					\$98,600 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
40	Preservation of historical tax records dating from 1946 - 1975 by microfilming the same	\$2,000.00					\$2,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
41	Updating an appraisal of the MADDER forest, enabling the Conservation Commission to apply for a land grant for funds to be used by the Town for the acquisition of said MADDER forest	\$3,500.00					\$3,500 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
42-47	None						
TOTAL	Attest:	\$49,588,349.00	\$45,546,734.00	\$364,350.00	\$223,958.00	\$250,000.00	\$3,201,307.00
	Colleen K. Toothill-Berte Town Clerk						

